

Open the Book Themes for the Summer Term 2023

20th April: The Boys Who Liked to Say No! A Story about making Good Choices and following the 'right' set of rules.

Dear God, help us to make up our own minds and to make Good Choices, rather than just following the crowd, help us to stand up for what we believe in. Amen.

27th April: The Men Who Liked to Say No! The boys from last week had now grown up and because they continued to be BRAVE and stand firm in their beliefs of right and wrong...God was with them and helped them to be strong.

*Help us to show **RESPECT** people who stand up for what they believe in. Amen.*

4th May: The Helpful Servant: Children playing their part...

In this story someone very important makes a great deal of fuss about being told to go and do something very simple in order to get better.

Dear God, please be with those we know who are ill today and help them to get better soon. Amen.

11th May: *Year 2 Storybook: *Snatched to Safety* A Story of a baby who was hidden away to keep him safe.

Dear God, we ask you to look after children all over the world who are in danger today. Please protect them and give them a safe place to grow up. Amen.

18th May: *Small King, Big Task*: A story about a little person with a big job to do.

*Dear God, we are sorry for the times when we have told lies or when we've been mean and unkind to each other. Please help us to be **PATIENT** and understanding with our friends and family. Amen*

25th May: *The Two Sons*: A story all about making good choices in the things that we say and do.

Dear God, help us to stop and think about the things we say and the things we do. Help us to make the right choices today. Amen

Our Open the Book Story Themes for 2nd Half of Summer Term:

8th June: *Be Like Me*: Jesus said children are very important and that means each one of you too.

*Dear God, thank you that children are important to you. Thank you that we are special to you. Help us to remember how much you **LOVE** us. Amen.*

15th June: The Bad Brother: A story of brothers who really didn't get along!

*Dear God, we are sorry if we have cheated on our friends and taken what does not belong to us. Please **FORGIVE** us and help us to be honest in everything we do. Amen.*

22nd June: The Runaway: The next part of the story from last week... the one who cheated now gets cheated! This is a story of **LOVE** and **FORGIVENESS**

*Dear God, please help us to say sorry and **forgive** each other when we have arguments and fall out with our friends. Amen.*

29th June: Spies in Canaan: Another Story in which the Hebrew people are struggling to **TRUST** God even though He had done so many things to help them already.

*Dear God, help us to **TRUST** the plans that you have for us in the knowledge that you only want what is good for us and for us to be happy. Amen*

6th July: *Across the River*: Finally, The Hebrews have arrived in their promised land and learned to **TRUST** God, in this story we hear how this came about.

*Dear God, we thank you for all the people who work hard to keep us safe every day, help us to listen to their advice and stay safe as we go about our activities from day to day. Thank you that you want us to be safe because you **LOVE** us. Amen.*

13th July: A Brave and Mighty Man: A story of **TRUST** in God's great plan.

*Dear God, thank you that when we feel scared, we can **TRUST** in you, you know the bigger picture for our lives, and it is reassuring to know that you will guide us one step at a time in whatever we have to do. Amen.*