

## Open the Book Themes for the Summer Term 2024

### First Half of Term...

**11<sup>th</sup> April: Four Good Friends...** We hear how a man's very good friends overcame a big problem to help him get to meet Jesus.

*Dear Lord, when we have problems or get stuck, help us to find the solution. Thank you for always being there for us. **Amen.***

**18<sup>th</sup> April: Storm!** Jesus's disciples happened upon a very scary time and their faith was really put to the test in this story. They had a big lesson in Trust when some very surprising things happened.

*Dear God, help us to put our trust in you, and thank you for being so amazing that even the wind and waves obey you. **Amen.***

**25<sup>th</sup> April: Picnic on the Mountain...** A story that shows how a little kindness can go a very long way.

*Dear God, remind us to be more like the little boy in this story, who shared what he had and to think of others and how we can help them. **Amen.***

**2<sup>nd</sup> May: Lost...** In this story we hear about how much God loves us and wants to be our friend. We meet a man who didn't understand this until Jesus found him and that day turned his life around.

Dear God, please help us to say sorry when we need to and help us to forgive those who have done something wrong to us. **Amen.**

**9<sup>th</sup> May: Upside-Down...** In this story Jesus teaches his friends to look out for others needs before their own.

*Dear God, help us to put others needs before our own, and to choose to do what is right and good and true. Amen.*

**16<sup>th</sup> May: Love Your Enemies...Today's story is the Good Samaritan.**

*Dear God, we thank you for the good example set by the Good Samaritan, who shows us that we can help even those who aren't our friends. Amen.*

**23<sup>rd</sup> May: The Triumphal Entry... the story of a King, but not the sort who travels in a golden carriage dressed in fine clothes!**

*Dear God, thank you for showing us the qualities that are needed in a good leader, help us to be kind and loving and humble. Amen.*

### **Second Half of Term...**

**6<sup>th</sup> June: Last Supper...A special meal with friends to remember.**

*Dear God, we, thank you for family and friends and the special times we share together. Amen.*

**13<sup>th</sup> June: Crucifixion...A sad story today, but one that Jesus chose to go through to show us how much he loves us, so much so that he died for all the bad things that we have done wrong.**

*Dear God, thank you that your Son Jesus was willing to die on the cross for us. Sorry for the times when we are not as kind to others as we should be, thank you that you have already forgiven us. Amen.*

**20<sup>th</sup> June: Resurrection...A truly amazing day...We believe that Jesus came back to life so that everyone can be forgiven, when they do things wrong and then they can have a new start.**

*Dear God, thank you for the story of that first Easter day and for forgiving us when we say we are sorry and giving us a fresh new start.*

**Amen.**

**27<sup>th</sup> June: Ascension...**In this story Jesus knew he was returning to his Father in Heaven, and he didn't want them to be sad all over again, so he sent them what they needed to be able to carry on without him.

*Dear God, thank you for your love that comforts me, especially when I have to say Goodbye to those I care about. **Amen.***

**4<sup>th</sup> July: Pentecost...**the arrival of a special gift, that the disciples would need to carry on the work that with Jesus's help they had started.

*Dear God, thank you for all the good things that you have given us, please help us to share those things with others. **Amen.***

**11<sup>th</sup> July: New Heaven and New Earth...**A story from the very last book in the Bible, the book of Revelation, which Jesus's disciple John wrote down.

Dear God, please help me to play my part in making the world a better place for us all. **Amen.**