

GOD'S GRACE



Do not be afraid, I will save you, I have called you by your name, you are mine. When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you; your troubles will not overwhelm you. When you pass through fire, you will not be burned; the hard trials that come will not hurt you.

Isaiah 43:1

These verses are very personal. As you meet with God try reading these verses or ask an adult to help you. Each time the word 'you' appears add your name in after it.

Spend some time saying sorry to God for the times you have messed up this week. Thank God for his forgiveness and that he knows your name.

Thank God that even when life is hard he is still with us.

Reflect on how God has been with you during lockdown by thinking of all the good the things that have happened.

THE MAJESTY OF GOD



We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen.

We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created.

For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him.

He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment.

Colossians 1:15-17

Thank God that even when we are confused & don't understand what is going on we can trust him.

God has the whole world in his hands and we do not need to worry but can trust in him.

ROOTED AND GROUNDED



And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:17-19

Look at a big tree. What is the job of the tree's roots?

The roots help to hold the tree into the ground and gives it a strong foundation. The strong roots give the tree the strength it needs to survive all different types of weather.

God's love can be a strong foundation for you and can give you the strength you need to survive. How does this make you feel?

THE JOURNEY OF FAITH



This is what the Lord says:

"Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls".

Jeremiah 6:16

Sometimes we might feel like we are walking along a road and we don't know which way to go.

We can trust that God is with us and that he will show us the way.

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS



So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

Luke 15 v 20

The good news today and every day is that like the father in the story of the lost son God loves us no matter what. This is so amazing that we should be brave and tell everyone we know this good news.

Can you think of 3 people who you would like to share the good news with?
Say their name quietly now & God will hear your prayers.

GOD'S GOOD GIFTS



Look at the wildflowers. They don't fuss with their appearance - but have you ever seen colour and design quite like it?

The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them.

If God gives such attention to the wildflowers, most of them never even seen, don't you think he'll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you?

Luke 12: 27-28

Find/imagine a flower, don't pick it but count how many petals it has.

For each petal think of something you would like to thank God for.

All good things come from God.

LIVING HOPE



Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1 : 9

Jesus is our living hope & because of him we can trust that there are better things to come.

What are you looking forward to after lockdown ends?

WATCHING OVER YOU



I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip - he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord watches over you - the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all harm - he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Psalm 121

We're a bit hard pushed to find mountains in Croydon but look for some hills.

Lift your eyes. Thank God that He is our creator and our protector.

Thank Him for constantly watching over you.

Thank Him that He can be trusted.