

# Autumn Term Theme: Family Year Five Topic: Ourselves

#### Based on Genesis 1:26-31

Then God said: 'Let us make people to be like ourselves. Men and women who can know and love me and know and love one another; and I will give them charge of the fish of the seas, the birds of the sky, and all the animals wild and tame and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.

So, God created men and women who could love and care for the world and everything in it and could love and care for one another; men and women who could know God and love and serve God. God blessed them and said to them: 'Fill the world with people; look after the world; look after one another; take care of the fish and the birds, the animals and the reptiles, the trees and the flowers and the plants.'

And so it was.

God saw all creation and indeed it was very good.

## Based on Colossians 3:10-11

You are created by God to be like a God.

You are God's people, his saints. He loves you.

You are all different.

You come from different places, speak in different ways, have different customs. But the important thing is that you are God's children.

So, love one another, help one another, be at peace with one another. And let the love of Jesus fill your hearts and minds.

## Based on Colossians 3: 12-17

God loves you and has chosen you. You are a holy people. You must be full of thoughtfulness for others, generous, gentle and patient.

Put up with one another; be ready to forgive each other if something goes wrong. The Lord has forgiven you. You must do the same. And, most of all, love each other. And may the peace of Christ fill your hearts. This is why you belong to the Christian family.

Always be thankful. Remember the wonderful words of Jesus. Be ready to teach and help each other, sharing what you know. Be happy and enjoy singing hymns to God. And in everything you say or do, do it as Jesus would want you to, giving thanks to God the Father.





### Based on Hosea 11:1-4

I have always loved you, my people.

My love for you is so great.

I have walked every step with you on your journey.

I have always tried to keep you close to me,

but so often you have wandered away.

I gathered you up in my arms,

but you did not recognise that I was taking care of you.

I picked you up and held you close to my cheek.

I held you so close, with such great love.

Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulon, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Naphtali, Gad and Asher.

These twelve sons are regarded as the fathers of the 12 tribes of Israel. In the Bible the people of God are often called children of Israel.



#### **Based on Philippians 4:4-9**

Be happy! I'm going to say it again. Be joyful always! God is very near. Don't worry about anything. Instead, ask God for what you need.

Pray with a grateful heart knowing how much God loves you; and the peace of God which is greater than we can understand, will fill your minds and hearts and keep you safe and close to Jesus.

Finally, my sisters and brothers, fill your mind with everything that is true, right, just, good and beautiful, everything that we love, admire and praise. Go on doing all that you learned from me and all I have said and done. And the God who gives us peace will be with you always.

