#### Thanksgiving

Blessed be God. God hears me when I pray for strength. God is strong for me. How good God is me! God helps me and I feel strong again. Thank you, God.

(Based on Psalm 28:6-8)

## Autumn Term Theme: Family Year One Topic: Family

## God with us.

I am glad and I thank God who helps me. I know God is always there to show me what to do. I am happy and full of joy for I feel safe with you, my God. You will never leave me by myself, on my own.

(Based on Psalm 16:7-9)

### Luke 12:27-30

One day two brothers came to Jesus to ask him to sort out a problem about sharing out some money. Jesus explained to them that there were more important things in life than being rich. It is more important to be loving and kind. Jesus said, 'Don't worry about food or about clothes. Life is more important than those things.' Jesus pointed to some birds and explained, 'Look at the birds they don't store things up. God feeds them, and you are worth more than birds. Look at the wild flowers, they are not rich, but even a king does not look as beautiful as a flower. God makes them beautiful. He cares much more about you. So don't be worried, trust God.

### Based on Psalm 63:6-9

I feel safe, so very safe, When I think of you, my God. Snuggled up in bed, even when it's dark outside,

I feel safe.

Your love for me is strong. You care for me like a mother bird cares for her baby chicks. I know you are always there for me.

You always listen to me. You comfort me when I am sad. You help me to be strong when thigs are very hard.



Autumn Term Theme: Belonging Year One Topic: Belonging

## Mark 10: 13-16

## Let the children come to me.

Some people brought children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples scolded them. When Jesus noticed this, he was angry and said to his disciples, 'Let the children come to me and do not stop them.' He took the children in his arms and placed his hands on each of them and blessed them.



## Luke 1: 26-31, 38

The Annunciation God sent at messenger, named Gabriel, to a young woman called Mary. She lived in Nazareth and was going to be married to Joseph. Gabriel said, "Rejoice, Mary. God has blessed you and God is very close to you." Mary did not understand these words. She was worried and wondered what it all meant. Then Gabriel said. "Don't be afraid, Mary. You have pleased God very much. Listen! You are going to have a baby. His name will be Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of God. Your cousin Elizabeth is also having a baby. People thought she was too old to but she is already six months pregnant. God can do anything." Then Mary said, "I want to please God. I am happy to do whatever God wants." And Gabriel left her.

### Luke 1:39-45

Elizabeth and Zechariah lived in a town in the hill country of Judah. Soon after Gabriel's visit, Mary got ready and hurried as quickly as she could to Elizabeth's house. She went into the house and called to Elizabeth. As soon as Elizabeth heard Mary calling, her heart filled with joy and she said, "God has blessed you. God is very close to you. Your baby will be a very special child. As soon as I heard your voice my baby jumped within me with gladness. How happy you are because you know God's message will come true!"

# Autumn Term Theme: Loving Year One Topic: Waiting

## Luke 2:1-7

The Roman Emperor, Caesar Augustus, wanted to know how many people lived in his empire. Everyone had to go back to the place where families came from to sign their name in a big register. Joseph and Mary had to go to Bethlehem. While they were in Bethlehem Mary's baby was born. She had a little boy. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes. She put him in a manger, because that was the safest place for him to be. There was no room in the house for Mary and Joseph and their baby, so they stayed in the place where the animals were kept.



On the night Jesus was born, there were some shepherds in a field nearby looking after their sheep. Suddenly there was light everywhere and a messenger from God appeared. The shepherds were terrified, but he messenger said, "Don't be afraid! God has sent me to bring you news of great joy. This is a special night for everyone on earth. Tonight, a baby called Jesus has been born in Bethlehem. You will find him wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." Then the shepherds could hear the sound of many voices praising God. "Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth." The shepherds to each other, "Let us go to Bethlehem to see this wonderful thing." So, they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in the manger. They told everyone what had happened, and everyone was amazed. Mary remembered all of this and though about it often. The shepherds went back praising and thanking God, for all they had seen and heard.