

Autumn Term

Theme: Family

Year Six

Topic: Loving

Based on Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, 28-31

Console my people, console them, says your God.

Speak to their hearts and tell him that their sins are forgiven. Prepare for God's coming.

A voice cries out, 'Prepare a way for our God in the wilderness. Make a straight path across the desert. Let every valley be filled in. Let every mountain and hill be levelled. Then the glory of God will be made known and the whole human race will see it.'

Go up to the top of a high mountain joyful messenger shout to my people shout as loud as you can. Proclaim the good news for everyone to hear. Say to them all, 'Here is your God!'

Your God is coming: strong, powerful, true and dependable. Your God is coming like a shepherd, feeding the flock, gathering the lambs holding them close. Yes, God is coming like a shepherd looking after the mother ewes, leading them to a place where they can rest.

God does not grow tired or weary. God is most understanding. God gives strength to those who are tired to those who are weak. Young people can get tired and weary; they can stumble and fall over, but those who hope in God will get their strength back. They will feel as though they can fly as high as eagles, run and never grow weary, walk and never get tired.

Based on Psalm 23

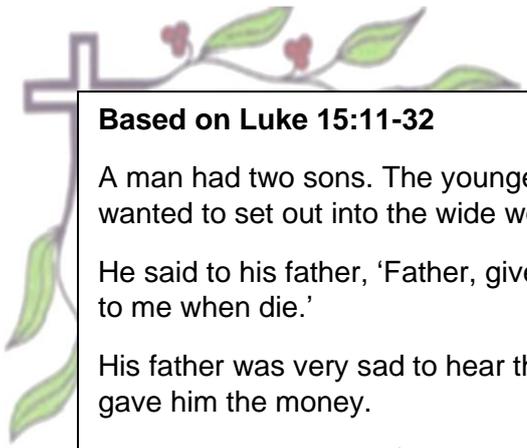
God cares for me just like a shepherd cares for his sheep. I have all that I need. God, you gave me green meadows where I can lie down. You lead me to tranquil streams of fresh water where I find new strength. You guide me along safe paths. You are true to your name.

Even if I should walk in deep darkness I would not be afraid. For you would be close to me, protecting me from harm.

You prepare a great feast for me. You welcome me and anoint my forehead with oil. You fill my cup to overflowing.

I am sure your love and goodness will be with me every day of my life. Your house will be my home forever and ever.





Based on Luke 15:11-32

A man had two sons. The younger became impatient of living at home on the farm. He wanted to set out into the wide world and seek his fortune.

He said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the money from the farm that could come to me when die.'

His father was very sad to hear this, but he loved his son, so he sold off half the farm and gave him the money.

The older brother was furious, but the younger son was delighted. he had never had so much money in his life! At once he set off for a far country where nobody would know him, and his riches would impress everyone. And they were impressed! He soon found friends to help him to spend his money. He really enjoyed himself. He did anything he wanted. There would be plenty of time later to get a job, and come home to his family a very wealthy man.

But a famine spread quickly over the country. Crops failed and there was very little work of any sort to be had. His new friends could not even be bothered to offer him a meal. The only job he could find was working on the farm of a Gentile- feeding pigs! He was so hungry that he would have been glad to eat the pig's food himself. At last he came to his senses.

'Even my father servants have more food than they want, and here I am dying of hunger. I will leave this place and go to my father and say: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I don't deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

His father had been watching out, hoping the son would come home. While he was still a long way off, his father saw him, barefoot, ragged and dirty and so very pale and thin. He run to the boy and hugged and kissed him.

The son began his speech, but his father interrupted him, calling to the servants, 'Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening and prepare a feast. I want to celebrate, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.'

So, the celebrations began. Soon his elder brother came in from the fields hot, tired and hungry. He heard the music and dancing and wanted to know what it was all about. When the servant explained, he was angry and refused to go in, even when his father came out and tried to persuade him.

All he would say was, 'I've stayed with you all my life, obeyed you and worked for you, and you never once put on a celebration for my friends. Yet when this good-for-nothing comes home after wasting all your money, you have a feast. His father said, 'My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead has come to life; he was lost and is found.'





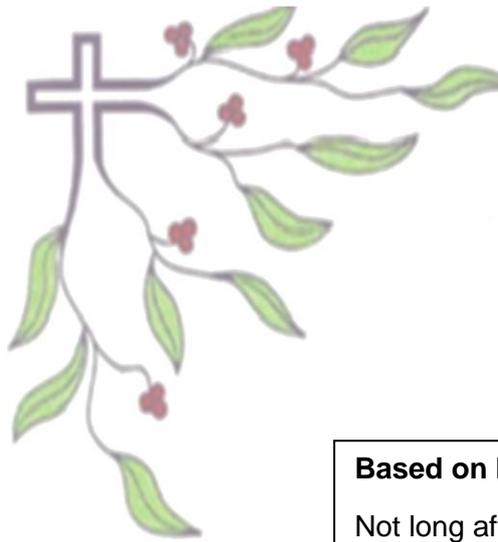
Based on Psalm 136:1,5,9,23-26

Give thanks to our God for God is so good.
Give thanks to our great God
for love that lasts forever.
Give thanks to our strong God
for love that is never ending.

Our God does wonderful works.
Our God is so very wise.
Our God made the fast heavens.
Our God built the earth and the deep seas.
God made the sun and the moon:
the sun to shine all the day;
the moon and the stars to shine through the night.

God is always with us.
God never forgets us.
God takes such great care of us.
Give thanks to our God!
Our God is so good!





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Theme: Belonging
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Topic: Vocation & Commitment

Based on Mark 1:9-11

Not long afterwards Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the River Jordan. As he was coming up out of the water the Spirit came down upon him and a voice from heaven said, 'You are my son, whom I love.'

Based on Matthew 6:19-21

Do not store up riches for yourselves here on earth. Moths and woodworms may eat them, rust may ruin them, or thieves can break in and steal them.

No store up real treasures for yourself in heaven. Moths and woodworms, rust and thieves cannot touch these. Set your heart on what is really important. For wherever your treasure is, that is where your heart will be.





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Topic: Expectations

Based on Isaiah 62: 11-12

This is what God proclaims to the ends of the earth.
Look, your saviour comes bringing with him all that he has
done for you.

You will be called: God's Holy People;
The People God has saved;
The City that God loves.
The City that God did not forget or abandon;
The City to which God is always faithful.

Based on Isaiah 35:1-6, 9,10

Let the desert and the dry lands be glad!
Let the wasteland exult and rejoice!
Like clusters of sweet-smelling flowers
let the wilderness burst into bloom.
Let it be happy and sing for joy!
It will be as beautiful as the mountains of Lebanon.
As green and fruitful as Carmel and Sharon.
Everyone will recognise the glory of God.
Everyone will see God's splendour and power.
Give strength to hands that are weary.
Steady knees that are trembling with weakness.
Say to all those who are faint hearted,
'Courage, be strong. Do not be afraid. Here is your
God, coming to save you.'
Then to the blind will be able to see and the deaf
will be able to hear.
Those who are lame will leap and dance.
Those who are dumb will shout for joy.
Everyone will sing and shout with gladness.
Everlasting joy will be seen on their faces.
They will be happy forever,
free from all sorrow and sadness.

