



Summer Term

Theme: Serving

Year Four

Topic: New Life

Based on Acts 4:1-26

The friends of Jesus were full of new life and could not stop telling everyone about Jesus. Their minds and hearts were full of all he had done and said. When they went to the temple to pray they talked to people and crowds gathered round them. They helped the poor and the sick.

Some of the officials in the temple were very annoyed about everything that was happening. One day they had Peter and John arrested and put them in prison.

The next day all the council officials assembled and had Peter and John brought before them. "We've heard that you are going about preaching about Jesus and healing. What right do you have to do this?" they asked.

Peter and John were not afraid, "Whatever good we do," said Peter, "we do in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. You crucified him, but God raised him from the dead."

The whole council were amazed that two very ordinary men were not afraid and were able to speak out boldly. They discussed the matter, and then ordered the disciples never to speak or teach in the name of Jesus.

But Peter and John were not frightened by any of their threats and said, "We cannot keep silent about the great things that God has done. We have to spread the Good News of Jesus."

The officials had to let them go because the people were so glad about what they were doing, and the officials did not want to risk a riot.

When Peter and John got back to the other disciples, everyone thanked God for their safety and the courage that the coming of the Holy Spirit had given them.

Based on 2 Corinthians 6:3-10

I've had to put up with all sorts of things – dangers and hard times and all sorts of difficulties; I've been flogged, put in prison and beaten up; I've had to work like a slave, go without sleep and food.

People have sometimes honoured me, and sometimes insulted me; sometimes praised me, and sometimes blamed me. They thought I was lying, yet I always tried to tell the truth; they called me a nobody, yet everybody knew me; my life wasn't worth living, yet I have enjoyed every moment of it; I've had a rough time, yet they haven't finished me off; many things have made me sad, yet I've been a very happy man.





Based on Acts 8:26-30, 34-38

Philip was a follower of Jesus. One day he went walking on the desert road from Jerusalem to Gaza. A chariot passed him. In it was an officer of the court of the Queen of Ethiopia. This man was reading one of the books of the Bible: the book of the prophet Isaiah.

God's spirit spoke to Philip, saying, "Go to meet that chariot."

When he reached the chariot, Philip heard the Ethiopian reading the words of Isaiah: "Do you understand what you are reading?" asked Philip. "How can I understand unless I have someone to help me?" he replied.

He asked Philip to help him. "Come up here beside me," he said. Philip did as he asked.

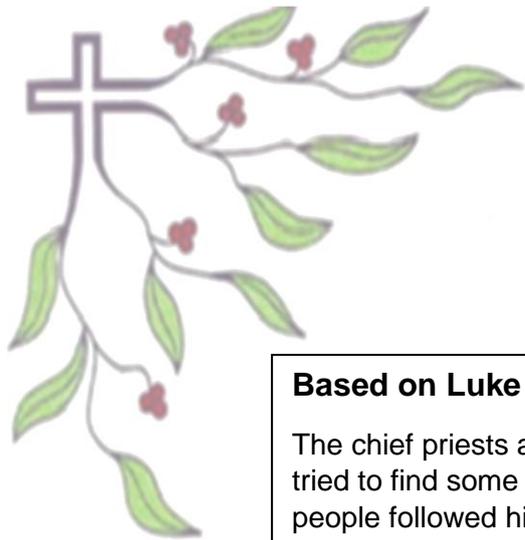
The Ethiopian said, "Who is this prophet talking about here?" Philip explained that the passage was about Jesus and went on to tell him more of the Good News of Jesus.

A little further on they saw some water and the Ethiopian asked, "Is there anything to stop me being baptised?"

He stopped the chariot. Philip went down with him into the water and baptised him, there and then.

The Ethiopian continued his journey rejoicing. Philip went on telling the Good News everywhere he went.





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Theme: Inter- relating

Year Four

Topic: Building Bridges

Based on Luke 15:3-6, 7

The chief priests and scribes heard about the work and teaching of Jesus. They tried to find some way of getting rid of him, but they were afraid because the people followed him. So they sent some Pharisees and scribes to ask him questions and try to catch him out. One of the scribes asked him, "What commandment is the most important of all?"

Jesus replied, "The most important one is this, 'Listen, Israel! The Lord our God is the only L o rd. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength'. The second most important commandment is this: 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself'. There is no other commandment more important than these two."

Based on Mark 12: 28-31

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Theme: World

Year Four

Topic: God's People

Based on Colossians 3:12-13

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 important 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 1 John 3: 1-3

Just think about what great love
God the Father has for us –
God calls us his children.
And that is what we are!
My dear friends, we are already God's children.
And we know that when we see God,
we will be like God.
We will see God as God really is.
Because we know this,
we try to be loving and kind, as God is.
Because we are close to God,
we keep away from all that is wrong.

