



Kingsland CE Primary School

Let your light shine

“Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”
(Matthew 5:16)

This half term's Christian value is:

RESPECT

Educating for Dignity and Respect



A prayer for RESPECT

Father God, open our eyes to value and appreciate all people. Help us to recognise what we have in common and respect what makes each of us unique. Amen.

Christian Value Family Reflection

Welcome to our Christian Value Family Reflection which offers some suggestions, thoughts and ways into exploring and reflecting on the value of this half term: **RESPECT**

A reflection on RESPECT by Rosie Roberts (Kingsland Church)

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” (Jesus’ words in the Gospel of Matthew 22:39.)

During this last half-term, our school has focused on the Christian value of love. But how do we love God, our neighbour, and ourselves, as Jesus tells us we should? One of the ways we can do this is by showing RESPECT.

Respect is one of the key building blocks of a healthy community. It involves listening to other people, making space for opinions that are different from our own, and valuing everyone. We’re not always going to agree, but if we can find a way of disagreeing well, by showing respect to those we disagree with, then we’re more likely to find a way forward together. As well as respecting others, it’s important to respect ourselves too.

“R-E-S-P-E-C-T, find out what it means to me...” In this song, Aretha Franklin says that she deserves to be treated with the same respect that she shows to another person. This reflects a golden rule of the Christian faith – “do to others as you would have them do to you” (Matthew 7: 12).

Why are Christians taught to treat other people with respect? It comes from the knowledge that ALL people are made in the image of God, and so we’re invited to see this image in everyone we meet. This means treating everyone as though they’re special and worthy of respect, because we know that they are special to God. This is easy with people we like and agree with, but it’s harder with people we don’t get on with. Nevertheless, Jesus challenges us to love our enemies, because love can transform a situation and take away the power that hate and disagreement can have over us.

When we think about loving our neighbour as ourselves, it’s easy to forget that our first task is to love ourselves. If we can’t treat ourselves with love and respect, then we will be no good at showing this to our neighbour! Sometimes it’s easy to see God’s image in other people and forget that it’s in us too.

“R-E-S-P-E-C-T, find out what it means to me...” It means a world where everyone values themselves and each other. What a wonderful world that would be!