



# 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:

## THANKFULNESS

Educating for Community and  
Living Well Together



### A prayer for THANKFULNESS

Thank you, God, for all your blessings to me and my family; for the strength you give me each day and for all the people around me who make life more meaningful. 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: **THANKFULNESS**

#### A reflection on THANKFULNESS by Wendy Priday, Foundation Governor, Eardisland Church

A Bible story that illustrates the value of THANKFULNESS is the story of the ten lepers: Luke, Chapter 17.

A leper is a person who has a disease called leprosy which causes sores all over their bodies. In Jesus' day this disease was very common – people who had this disease were thought to be unclean and were required to stay away from others because of the fear that they may be infected.

One day, Jesus was walking through a small village when he saw a group of ten lepers. They stood far away from Jesus and called to him, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us.” Obviously, they knew who Jesus was and that he had the power to heal them. When Jesus heard them, he called back to the lepers and said “Go, show yourselves to the priest.”

As the lepers went on their way to see the priest, they looked at their skin and the sores were gone! Jesus had healed their disease! They were so happy that they ran up and down the streets singing and dancing. Suddenly, one of them stopped and went back. Praising God with a loud voice, he threw himself at Jesus' feet and said “Thank you”. Jesus said to him, “Weren't there ten who were healed? Where are the other nine?” Only one out of ten remembered to say, “Thank you.”

Every one of us has so much for which to be thankful and don't you just hate it when someone does something nice for you and you are prompted with the words “Now what do you say?” We all know what to say, but unfortunately, we sometimes forget to say it - which is what happened in our Bible story.

I wonder how often you remember to say “Thank you” ... to your family, to your teachers, to other children. Furthermore, how could you SHOW that you are thankful, as well as just saying it ...?

There is a very old saying “Count your blessings” and, indeed, it reminds us to celebrate and be truly thankful for everything, our families and friends and the acts of service in this amazing world that keep us all going each and every day.