



# 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:

## SERVICE and HUMILITY



### A prayer for Service and Humility

Father God,

Help us to use our gifts to serve others. Let our lights shine before others so we can set them the example of how to serve others with compassion, courage and humility. 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: **SERVICE and HUMILITY**

#### A reflection on SERVICE and HUMILITY by Shelley Connop, Foundation Governor, Eardisland Church

“Thank you” I said as the door was held open for me, and although this took little effort, I was grateful as my arms were full with shopping. I have taught my children to be kind and humble and remind them their actions may be small but could make someone's burden lighter. The Bible shows us the importance of a servant's heart, teaching us to prioritise others' needs over our own desires. By applying this, we not only grow closer to God but also foster a community rooted in love and compassion.

Living in Eardisland which has a thriving community, I volunteer and help where and when I can, including the community shop which is run and staffed by volunteers. There is also the village hall committee who have just received over £100,000 in grants for upgrading facilities. They do not look for recognition but give freely of their time to benefit the wider community.

Humility is a grateful and spontaneous awareness that life is a gift and also a realistic view of your own abilities and true service is not about recognition. It's about responsibility. It's about seeing a need and responding, even when no one is watching; understanding that your talents, time and opportunities are not for personal gain, but for the good of others. To listen more than we speak, we learn more than we assume, and we will then lead by example. Let us remember the example of Jesus who humbly served others and showed true meaning of greatness through servanthood.

Some of the most impactful people in our lives are not the loudest or the most celebrated. They are the ones who show up consistently, the ones who help without being asked, the ones who lift others without expecting anything in return. Their strength is in their purpose. Think of the school's incredible PTA who raise money for the extra things around school and the discos they hold. Think of the mums, dads, grandparents and the wider community who come in to read with you every week in school. Think of Kingsland Fire Brigade ...

In today's world that encourages self-promotion, choosing humility is a **courageous** act and a powerful one. Do you think you can choose commitment over convenience?

Maybe a simple way of showing this would be to make a make a Humility / Service jar and place slips of paper in with simple humility challenges such as: “Let someone else choose the game” or “Help to clear up without being asked.”