



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:

GRATITUDE

Educating for Community and
Living Well Together



A prayer for GRATITUDE

Thank you, God, for ... your kindness and compassion; ... the strength you give us even in the toughest of times; ... your unconditional love. Forgive us when we are ungrateful and when we don't think of others. 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: **GRATITUDE**

A reflection on GRATITUDE by Mr Debenham, Headteacher:

One, two, three ... four, five, six ... seven, eight, nine ... and ten. There were ten lepers on the road one day, and no-one would go near them. Their faces were scarred and they had sores all over their bodies. They were incredibly poorly. One, two, three ... four, five, six ... seven, eight, nine ... and ten. There were ten lepers on the road one day, and Jesus came walking by. “Jesus, Master, have pity on us” they cried. One, two, three ... four, five, six ... seven, eight, nine ... and ten. There were ten lepers on the road one day, and Jesus prayed for them and then said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priest.” One, two, three ... four, five, six ... seven, eight, nine ... and ten. As the lepers went on their way to see the priest, they looked at their skin and their sores were gone! Jesus had healed their disease!

One, two, three ... four, five, six ... seven, eight ... and NINE. Nine lepers (who were no longer lepers!) were so happy that they ran up and down the streets singing and dancing, sharing their good news with everyone. But the tenth leper went straight back to Jesus, threw himself at his feet and said, “Thank you, thank you, thank you.” Jesus said to him, “I healed ten lepers on the road today. Where are the other nine?”

But Jesus was pleased that the tenth leper had come back to say ‘thank you’.

So, what does this Bible story, from Luke Chapter 17, teach us about GRATITUDE? If you were one of the ten lepers, would you be like the tenth one who came back to say ‘thank you’, or would you be like the other nine who forgot amidst all the celebrations? In the busyness of life, with all the things we have to do and all the distractions along the way, it is easy to forget to say ‘thank you’. So, how can we make it a priority so that we don't forget?

And is saying ‘thank you’ always enough? How could we SHOW our gratitude by our actions and choices?

I wonder if you remember to say ‘thank you’ to your family, friends and staff in school ...? Just two simple words can make a huge difference. And, of course, there are many connections that can be made between GRATITUDE and a number of the other Christian values that we investigate in school – compassion, kindness, humility, service, love, thankfulness.

When will you say your next ‘thank you’?