



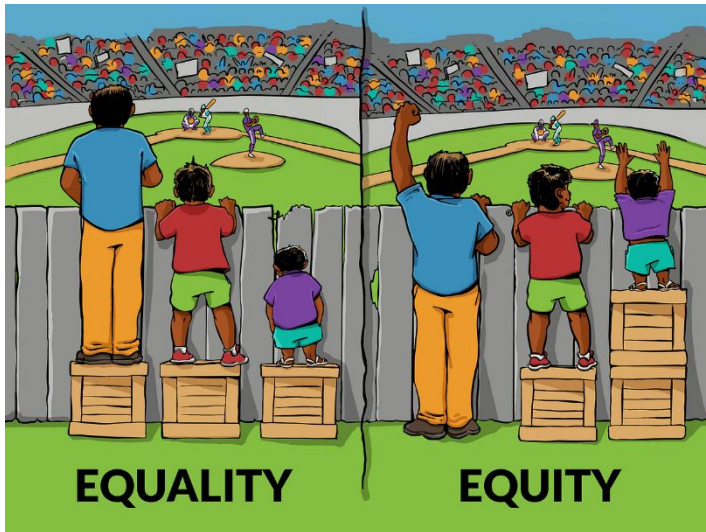
Kingsland CE Primary School

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:

EQUITY & EQUALITY



A prayer of EQUITY & EQUALITY

Dear God, Thank you that you made us each different from each other, yet each the same in your eyes. Help us to love the differences in other people and to treat everyone with respect. Teach us to be fair, to share what we have, and to care for our neighbors. Where there is unfairness, give us the courage to speak up and make a difference. Help us to think about the needs of others and work together to make the world a better place. 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: **EQUITY & EQUALITY**

A reflection on EQUITY & EQUALITY by Rev Maggie, Kingsland Church:

Have you ever found yourself saying, “It’s not fair?!” “It’s not fair, he’s got more than me.” “It’s not fair, I want to do what she’s doing.” We live in a world that doesn’t seem fair. Not everyone has the same. Sometimes, it is a good thing that we don’t all have exactly the same. When we sit down for lunch, we don’t all need the same sized portion. Someone else might have more or less food than you do, but hopefully, you have the right amount for you. This is **equity**, when we are treated fairly, but not exactly the same.

Sometimes, we do need the same – this is **equality**, when we are treated fairly and also equally. While we all need a different amount of food, we do all need to eat each day. We need equal access to the things that we need. **Equity** is about everyone being treated fairly and having enough for their needs. **Equality** is about being treated fairly and having equal access to what we need in the first place.

In the Bible, Jesus told a story to show what God’s kingdom is like. He wanted to show that although some people are first to get what they need, it doesn’t mean that the people who are last deserve any less. Jesus is generous towards everyone, not just to those who are first in line. Jesus said:

The kingdom of heaven is like a man who owned some land. One morning, he went out to hire people to work in his vineyard. In the morning, the man went to the marketplace and saw some people standing there, waiting to be hired for work. He said to them, ‘If you go and work in my vineyard, I will pay you one silver coin each.’ So, they went to work in the vineyard. The man went out again about midday and again in the afternoon. Both times he hired people to work in his vineyard. Near the end of the day, he went out and saw more people waiting to be given a job. The man said to them, ‘You can go and work in my vineyard.’ At the end of the day, the owner of the vineyard paid each of his workers one silver coin, enough for their needs.

When the workers who had been hired first saw that everyone had received the same, they complained to the owner. ‘Those people were hired last and worked only one hour. But you paid them the same as you paid us. And we worked hard all day’ But the man who owned the vineyard said to them, ‘Friends, I am being fair to you. You agreed to work for one silver coin, which is what you need. Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same pay that I gave you.

How does this story make you feel? Do you think the workers were treated fairly? The workers needed their silver coin so that they could get what they needed to look after themselves and their families.

I wonder what needs we all share? Things like food, water, shelter, clothing, safety, security, love, belonging, friendship, respect, opportunities.

I wonder how we can treat everyone fairly, with equity and equality ... in our school? ... in our homes? ... in our neighbourhood? ... in our world?