



Autumn Term

Theme: Family

Year Three

Topic: Homes

Romans based on 12: 8-13

Dear friends

We all have been given lovely gifts. When you give, give with a loving heart. If you have a job to do, do it really well. If you are helping someone, do it happily. Be real in your love for each other. Do not just pretend to be good. Love and care for each other's good brothers and sisters. Be wholehearted and enthusiastic in all you do. Be joyful. When things get hard, keep on going. Pray regularly. Share what you have with people in need. Always make people feel welcome.

Based on Colossians 3:12-17

God loves you and has chosen you.
You are a holy people.
You must be full of thoughtfulness for others, generous gentle and patient.
Put up with one another.
Be ready to forgive each other if something goes wrong.
The Lord has forgiven you.
You must do the same.
And, most important of all, love each other.
And may the peace of Christ fill your hearts.
This is why you belong to the Christian family.

Always be thankful.
Remember the wonderful words of Jesus.
Be ready to teach and help each other sharing what you know.
Be happy and enjoy singing hymns to God.
And in everything you say or do, do it as Jesus would want you to,
giving thanks to God the father.

When Joseph and Mary had finished doing all that was required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to their hometown of Nazareth in Galilee.

The child grew and became strong; he was full of wisdom, and God's blessings were upon him.

Based on Luke 2:39-40

Based on John 13:34-35

Jesus said,

'I am giving you a new life for living: love one another.

You must love one another in the same way as I have loved you.

If you do this, everyone will know that you are my friends, and God's friends too.'

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

Live as children of light.

Based on Ephesians 5: 1-9





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Topic: Promises

God said, "I love you people with a love that will last forever. I became your friend because of my love and kindness.

Based on Jeremiah 31: 3



Based on Mark 1:9-11

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan.

And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."





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Theme: Loving

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Topic: Visitors

Based on Isaiah 40:3-5

A voice cries out,
"Prepare in the wilderness a road for the Lord!
Clear the way in the desert for our God!
Fill every valley;
level every mountain.
The hills will become a plain,
and the rough country will be made smooth.
Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed,
and all people will see it.

The Lord himself has promised this."

Based on Luke 1:26-31, 38-58

God sent a messenger named Gabriel, to a young woman called Mary. She lived in Nazareth and was going to be married to Joseph. The messenger said 'Rejoice Mary. God has blessed you and God is very close to you.' Mary did not understand these words. She was worried and wondered what it all meant.

Then Gabriel said: 'Don't be afraid Mary. You have pleased God very much. Listen! You are going to have a baby. It will be a boy and his name will be Jesus. He will be great and will be called the son of God.'

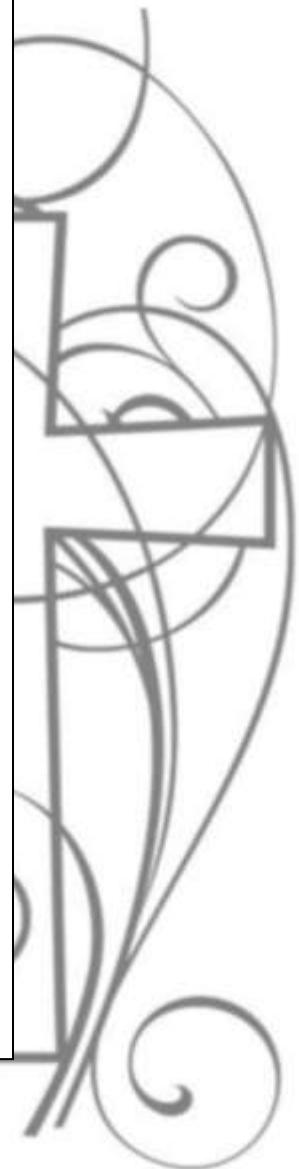
Then Mary said: 'I want to please God I am happy to do whatever God wants.' And the messenger left her. Mary heard that her cousin Elizabeth was also going to have a baby.

Elizabeth lived in the hill country of Judah. Mary went as quickly as she could to visit her. She went into Elizabeth's house and called out to her. As soon as Elizabeth heard Mary calling, her heart was filled with joy and she said, "I am filled with happiness because you have come to visit me. Even my baby jumped when I heard your voice. God has blessed you and God is very close to you. Your baby will be a very special child."

And Mary said, "God is so good. My heart is full of joy. God has blessed me very specially.

God has done great things for me. Holy is God's name. God's love lasts forever. God always helps those who ask. God is always very close."

Mary stayed with Elizabeth for three months and then went home. Elizabeth had a little boy. When her family and friends heard about the new baby they shared her joy.





Based on Luke 2:1-20

At that time Emperor Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Roman Empire. When this first census took place, Quirinius was the governor of Syria. Everyone, then, went to register himself, each to his own hometown.

Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of King David. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David. He went to register with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby. She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger—there was no room for them to stay in the inn.

The Shepherds and the Angels

There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, but the angel said to them, “Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This very day in David's town your Savior was born—Christ the Lord! And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God:

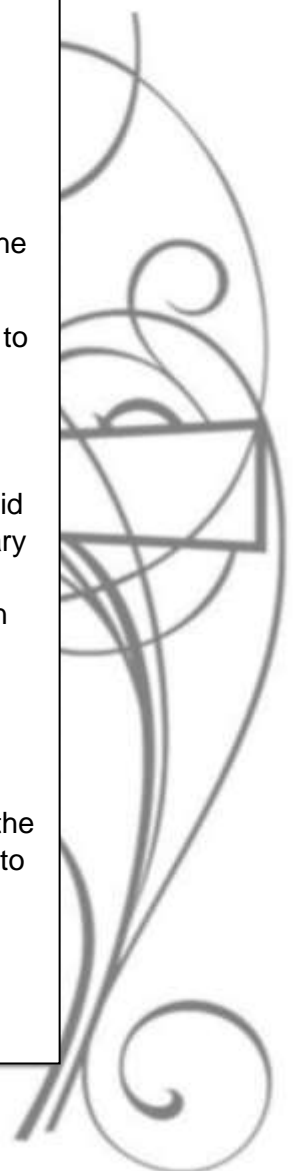
“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!”

When the angels went away from them back into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us.”

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger. When the shepherds saw him, they told them what the angel had said about the child. All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said. Mary remembered all these things and thought deeply about them. The shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen; it had been just as the angel had told them.

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Based on Matthew 2:1-12, 16-18

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea while Herod was king. Some wise men came from the East to Jerusalem. They asked: 'Where is the baby who will be king of the Jews? We have seen his star rise and have come to worship him.'

When Herod, the king, heard this he was very worried and so was everyone else in Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and scribes of the people. He asked them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, 'In the town of Bethlehem, in Judea.'

This is what the prophets wrote a long time ago.

'And you Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are important'. For from you shall come a leader who will guard my people Israel.'

Herod called the wise men to a secret meeting. He found out from them the exact date the star had appeared and then sent them on to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and make a careful search for the child. When you have found him let me know so that I too may go and worship him.'

So, they went on their way. Suddenly the star, which they had seen rising went before them, until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were delighted. They went into the house, and they saw the child with Mary, his mother. They knelt down and worshipped him. They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. God warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod. So, they returned to their own country by a different way.

Herod was furious when he saw he had been tricked by the wise men. He gave orders to kill all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under.

