



Summer Term

Theme: Serving

Year Three

Topic: Energy

Based on Acts 1:6-11

After Jesus had been raised to new life, he told his friends, "You will receive the power of the Holy Spirit. You will be my witnesses here in Jerusalem and all over the world." As he said this, he disappeared from sight. They realised that he had gone back to his Father as he had said he would.

based on Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, very early on Sunday morning, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. Suddenly there was a violent earthquake. An angel of the Lord came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was lit up and his clothes were as white as snow. The guards were so afraid that they trembled and could not do anything.

The angel spoke to the women, "Do not be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here. He has been raised from death. Come and see the place where he lay, and then go quickly and tell his disciples that He is risen from the dead and is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there." Filled with deep wonder and great joy the women ran to tell the disciples.

Suddenly, Jesus was there, coming to meet them. "Peace be with you," he said. The women went up to him, took hold of his feet and bowed down and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must go to Galilee; they will see me there."

Based on Acts 2: 1-18, 43

When the harvest was being gathered in, on the feast of the first fruits, the friends of Jesus were not among the holiday crowds celebrating Pentecost in Jerusalem. Instead, they were hidden away in a quiet room. Mary, the Mother of Jesus was with them.

Without the warmth of Jesus' presence among them, they felt stranded and clueless. When Jesus had walked and talked with them, their hearts had burned within them; but now there was a death-like stillness and silence within them, which chilled their hearts and froze their power to act.

Then on that Pentecost morning, everything changed. The friends of Jesus knew all would be well.

They described the experience like this. They said it was as if a strong, powerful wind had filled the whole house and as if tongues of fire had spread out and touched each one of them. They felt alive as never before. The warmth of God's love circulated through and among them, so that they felt compelled to rush out and share their joy with the whole world and to witness to the Good News of Jesus.

No longer tongue-tied, but with fiery conviction, the words tumbled out so fast and free, that in their excitement, they sounded crazy, as if they'd lost their senses. At first people thought they were drunk.

It was Peter who controlled the situation; no longer afraid, he told the crowds how God had generously poured out the Spirit upon all so that they could speak out. A great change took place amidst the listening crowds.





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Theme: Inter-relating

Year Three

Topic: Choices

based on 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

Dear Friends,
Help everyone who works hard for you.
Love and respect them for what they do.
Get on well with one another.
Encourage others to work hard.
Help people who are afraid.
Take care of those who are not very strong.
Be patient with everyone.
Make sure you and your friends don't try to get your own back. Always do what is best for you and for everyone else.
Most of all be happy.
Pray every day.
Make sure you say thank you to God for all the good things God gives to you.
This is what God wants for you.

Based on Luke 15: 11-32

A man had two sons. The younger became impatient of living at home on the farm. He wanted to set out into the wide world and seek his fortune. He said to his father, "Father, give me my share of the money from the farm that would come to me when you die."

His father was very sad to hear this, but he loved his son, so he sold off half the farm and gave him the money...

Based on Luke 15:11-32 cont.

...The older brother was furious, but the younger son was delighted. He had never had so much money in his life! At once he set off for a far country where nobody would know him, and his riches would impress everyone. And they were impressed! He soon found friends to help him to spend his money. He really enjoyed himself. He did anything he wanted. There would be plenty of time later to get a job and come home to his family a very wealthy man.

But a famine spread quickly over the country. Crops failed and there was very little work of any sort to be had. His new friends could not even be bothered to offer him a meal. The only job he could find was working on the farm of a Gentile – feeding pigs! He was so hungry that he would have been glad to eat the pigs' food himself. At last, he came to his senses.

"Even my father's servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I don't deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So, he left the place and went back to his father.

His father had been watching out, hoping his son would come home. While he was still a long way off, his father saw him, barefoot, ragged and dirty and so very pale and thin. He ran to the boy and hugged and kissed him.

The son began his speech, but his father interrupted him, calling to the servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening and prepare a feast. I want to celebrate, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found."

So, the celebrations began. Soon his elder brother came in from the fields hot, tired and hungry. He heard the music and dancing and wanted to know what it was all about. When the servants explained, he was angry and refused to go in, even when his father came out and tried to persuade him.

All he would say was, "I've stayed with you all my life, obeyed you and worked for you, and you never even once put on a celebration for my friends. Yet when this good-for-nothing comes home after wasting all your money, you have a feast." His father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."