

Christian Distinctiveness

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St Meriadoc CE Infant Academy

Christian Distinctiveness

School Motto: Believe You Can

School Mission Statement: With God's love, our Christian values and our broad and aspirational curriculum, we: shine our light on ourselves; shine our light on others; shine our light on our community and the wider world.



School Vision: Let Your Light Shine (Matthew 5:16)

School Parable: Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14–30)

Vision through our Core Christian Values:

Value	Character	Scripture		
		Parable	Miracle	Core Bible Stories
Faith	Believing Betsy Butterfly	Mustard Seed	Jesus Calms the Storm	Noah's Ark
Love	Loving Lizzie Lioness	Good Samaritan	Loaves and Fish	Christmas Story
Respect	Respectful Rufus Rhino	Wedding Banquet	Healing the Servants Ear	Easter Story
Perseverance	Persevering Percy Penguin	The Lost Sheep	The Miraculous Catch of Fish	Creation Story
Forgiveness	Forgiving Frankie Falcon	The Prodigal Son	The Paralysed Man	Story of Joseph

School Rights: Right to a Voice, Right to a Faith, right to an Education, Right to be the Best you can be, Right to relax and Play

School Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,

We know that you made the world and everything in it.

We know that we are special to you and that you care about every person in our school.

We know that with your help we can face any challenge.

Please help us to be kind and respectful to everyone we meet, to look after our wonderful world and to believe in ourselves because we are precious in your sight.

Amen

Courageous Advocacy Missions: Helping the Hungry (Local)

Joint Mission Statement for

St Meriadoc CE Infant Academy
& St Meriadoc CE Junior Academy



St. Meriadoc
CE Infant Academy

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Let Your Light Shine

'Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

Mission and Vision Statements

supported by: The Parable of the Talents

A man decided to go on a long trip, so he called his servants together and asked them to look after his things for him while he was away. Among these things was the man's money or talents. The man gave one of his servants five talents, to another two talents and the final servant one talent. Each servant chose to do something with the money or talents while the man was away. The servant with the five talents, made five more so he now had ten talents. The second servant made two more, so he had four talents and the final servant buried his talent and did nothing with it. When the master returned he was pleased with the first and second servant for being creative and using the talents to make more, but he was not pleased with the servant who just buried the money and did not even try to do anything with it.

Jesus used this story to encourage people to be proactive about using their God given gifts and talents, to have high expectations for themselves and to raise their aspiration. If they work hard for themselves God will trust them with so much more.

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Our Vision:

Let Your Light Shine
through

Our Core Christian Values



Faith

Love

Respect

Perseverance

Forgiveness

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Our Core Christian Values

Let Your Light Shine

Faith

School Motto - Believe You Can

School Parable: The Talents

Faith section from the school prayer - We know that with your help we can face any challenge. Please help us to believe in ourselves because we are precious in your sight.

Jesus said “ Don’t be worried, have faith in God, have faith also in me”
John 14:1 (paraphrased)

Faith Parable: Parable of the Mustard Seed

Faith Miracle of Jesus: Jesus Calms the Storm

Faith Core Bible story: Noah’s Ark

Rights: Article 14 Right to a Faith

British Values: Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs - We don’t all believe the same

Faith Values Character: Believing Betsy Butterfly



Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
HEBREWS 11:1

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Love

School Motto: Believe You Can School Parable: The Talents

Love section from the school prayer - We know that we are special to you, that you care about every person in our school .

Jesus said “ A new commandment I give you, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another”

John 13:34

Love Parable: The Good Samaritan

Love Miracle of Jesus: Loaves and Fish

Love Core Bible story: The Christmas Story

Rights: Article 12 Right to a Voice

British Values: Democracy - We value each other's opinions

Love Values character: Loving Lizzie Lioness



'For God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and
2 TIMOTHY 1:7

love and self-control.'

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Respect

School Motto: Believe You Can School Parable: The Talents

Respect section from the school prayer - Please help us to be kind and respectful to everyone we meet, to look after our wonderful world.

Jesus said " Do for other people the same things you want them to do for you" Matthew 7:12

Respect Parable: The Wedding Banquet
Respect Miracle: Healing a Servants Ear
Respect Core Bible Story: The Easter Story

Rights: Right to Learn
British Values: Mutual Respect - We are all equal
Respect Values Character: Respectful Rufus Rhino



'Treat others just as you would want to be treated'.
LUKE 6:31

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Perseverance

School Motto: Believe You Can School Parable: The Talents

Perseverance section from the school prayer - We know that with your help we can face any challenge.

Jesus said “ The one who perseveres to the end will be saved”
Matthew 10:22 (paraphrased)

Perseverance Parable: The Lost Sheep.

Perseverance Miracle: Miraculous Catch of Fish

Perseverance Core Bible story: The Creation Story

Rights: Right to be the Best you can be

British Values: Individual Liberty - We make choices

Perseverance Values Character: Persevering Percy Penguin.

'Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve
God.'
1 PETER 4:10



one another as good stewards of the varied grace of

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Our Core Christian Values

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Forgiveness

School Motto: Believe We Can School Parable: The Talents

Forgiveness section from the school prayer - Please help us to be kind and respectful to everyone we meet.

Jesus said " Forgive other people and you will be forgiven"
Luke 6:37

Forgiveness Parable: The Prodigal Son
Forgiveness Miracle: The Paralysed Man
Forgiveness Core Bible Story: The Story of Joseph

Rights: Right to Relax and Play
British Values: Rule of Law - We follow our rules, but sometimes make mistakes

Forgiveness Values Character: Forgiving Frankie Falcon



'Whatever is true, whatever is honourable, what-
ing, whatever is commendable, if there is any
praise, think about these things.'

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

ever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleas-
excellence and if there is anything worthy of

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Amen

Our Core Christian Values

Prayer Sentence Stem Starters

Thanking God

Dear Lord Jesus,
We thank you
for...



Asking for forgiveness

Dear God,
We are sorry
for...



Asking for something

Heavenly Father,
We ask you
for....



Praising God

Dear Lord,
You are so...



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Our Values Bible Stories

Let Your Light Shine

These are the Bible stories that support each of our Christian Values.

They are the same stories that Journeying Gerald the Giraffe 'collects' after meeting the values characters through their stories when he gets lost and has to make the journey back home. He learns about the core Christian values, gains a Christian faith and earns his values badges to become a Worship Leader. These stories form the 'heartbeat' of our school and our Collective Worship.

Faith Parable: Parable of the Mustard Seed
Faith Miracle of Jesus: Jesus Calms the Storm
Faith Core Bible story: Noah's Ark

Love Parable: The Good Samaritan
Love Miracle of Jesus: Loaves and Fish
Love Core Bible story: The Christmas Story

Respect Parable: Wedding Banquet
Respect Miracle: Healing the Servant's Ear
Respect Core Bible Story: The Easter Story

Perseverance Parable: The Lost Sheep.
Perseverance Miracle: The Miraculous Catch of Fish
Perseverance Core Bible story: The Creation Story

Forgiveness Parable: The Prodigal Son
Forgiveness Miracle: The Paralysed Man
Forgiveness Core Bible Story: The Story of Joseph



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Our Values Bible Stories



Faith



Faith Parable: Parable of the Mustard Seed

Jesus Christ teaches that the mustard seed is the least of all seeds, but when planted, it becomes the greatest of all herbs. He compares the seed to the kingdom of heaven- although seemingly very small, it quickly grows and spreads to fill the earth. We liken the growth of the mustard seed, so small, to the growth of our children, having faith in God to grow and develop to become to best they can be.



Faith Miracle of Jesus: Jesus Calms the Storm

Jesus and his disciples went out in a boat. As they crossed the sea Jesus slept.. Suddenly, a storm came and the apostles thought they would die. They rushed to wake him and they asked why he didn't care. Jesus woke and told the storm to be still and the winds stopped immediately. Jesus looked at his disciples and said, "Why are you so afraid? Where is your faith?" The disciples were amazed. They knew that Jesus was very special. Jesus was the only one who could make even a storm obey him. We teach children to have faith in God to support them when their lives get a little stormy.



Faith Core Bible story: Noah's Ark

God was unhappy, because the world had not turned out how he had hoped, so he decided to send a flood so he could get rid of all the things he did not like, so he could start again. God liked Noah and told him to build an ark and to fill it with two of every animal, his wife and sons to protect them from the flood. Noah had faith in God and did as he was asked. When God send the storm it rained for forty days and forty nights. When the rains stopped, Noah sent out a dove to check for dry land. The dove returned with an olive branch to show that the water had gone down. God promised to never flood the world again, as long as they made the world a really lovely place to live in. God went away leaving a lovely rainbow. We use Noah's ark to teach children to have faith in trust in God.



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Our Values Bible Stories

Love



Love Parable: The Good Samaritan

Jesus tells the story of a Jewish traveller who when walking along the road is beaten up, robbed, and left for dead. A priest comes by, but deliberately avoids the man and does not stop to help. A lawyer also comes by but he too avoids the injured man. Finally, a Samaritan comes along the road, (usually Samaritans and Jews did not get on), but he stopped and helped the injured man, in an act of mercy and compassion. This parable helps to teach children that we should see everyone as our neighbour and that we are equal in God's sight no matter what our culture.



Love Miracle of Jesus: Loaves and Fishes

Jesus was talking to a large crowd of people. The people had been listening to Jesus all day and had not had anything to eat. Everyone was beginning to feel hungry. Jesus felt sorry for all the people and wanted to feed them. A boy in the crowd had brought lunch with him—he had five loaves and two fish in his basket. Jesus asked the crowd to sit down and thanked the boy for being willing to share his lunch. Jesus blessed the food and miraculously the meagre lunch fed the large crowd of people that had gathered to listen to the word of Jesus. This story helps us to teach children that although we may believe that what we can offer is only small, God can turn it into something great.



Love Core Bible story: The Christmas Story

The angel Gabriel visited a young girl called Mary and told her that she was going to have a baby. The baby would be God's son and she was to call him Jesus. Mary was engaged to be married to Joseph and he was surprised to hear that Mary would have God's son, but he had faith in God and loved and trusted Mary. When the baby was due to be born, Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem to be counted. Mary travelled to Bethlehem on a donkey. When they got to Bethlehem there was no room for them to stay in any of the inns. A kind innkeeper looked favourably on Mary and said they could use his stable to rest in. During the night, Jesus was born in the stable and Mary laid him in a manger. Meanwhile, shepherds were tending their flock in a nearby field, when an angel of the Lord appeared and told them about the baby. The angels told the shepherds to go to Bethlehem and worship the new born king. Wise Men were also travelling and they saw a bright new star in the sky, they followed the star which led them to the stable. They worshipped Jesus and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. This story helps us teach children that God so loved the world that he sent his son.



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Respect



Respect Parable:

The Wedding Banquet

Jesus tells the story about a king who was making plans to hold a great banquet for his son's wedding. He decided to send invitations out to all his friends, family and all the people who were important to him. He made the preparations for a great party and went to great lengths to make it a special event. On the day of the banquet nobody turned up! The king sent his servants to the invited people, but they all declined the offer rather rudely to come to the party stating they were all too busy. Not wanting all of his efforts to go to waste, the king sent his servants out again. He told his servants to go out into the streets and welcome everybody they came across to come to the party, the poor, the hungry...anybody! The room began to fill up and the party was a success. The people who came were not the king's friends or family, they were not rich or famous, but they came and the king was very happy. They respected the invitation and were welcomed. Jesus tells of how this is like the invitation to heaven. Heaven is open to anyone who wants to come. Respect the invitation - Everyone is invited.

Respect Miracle: Healing the Servant's Ear

When the soldiers and high priests came to arrest Jesus after his friend Judas had betrayed him, one of Jesus' followers, Simon Peter, got very cross. Simon Peter wanted to stop Jesus from being arrested. He knew He was the son of God and wanted to protect his friend. So when Malchus, one of the high priest's servants approached Jesus to make sure he did not run away, Simon Peter picked up his sword and struck Malchus cutting off his right ear! Jesus immediately shouted, 'No more of this!' And touched Malchus' wound, miraculously healing his ear. There was no more injury and no sign that his ear had ever been cut off! Jesus turned and left willingly with the soldiers and high priests. This helps us to understand that we respect all people, we are all valued in God's sight.

Respect Core Bible Story: The Easter Story

Jesus travelled to Jerusalem on a donkey with his friends. Most people were happy to see Jesus, but some priests were jealous. The priests gave money to one of Jesus' friends, Judas, and paid him to betray Jesus and bring him to them. While Jesus was sat having supper with his friends, he looked sad and said that he knew that one of his friends had betrayed him. He broke the bread and shared the wine and told his friends to remember him. Jesus went into the garden to pray and fell asleep. He was awoken by soldiers led by Judas to arrest Jesus. At his trial, Jesus said that he was the son of God and the people were cross. He was taken to Pontius Pilate to be judged. The people shouted that they wanted Jesus to be crucified and to set free a robber in his place. Pilate agreed to crucify Jesus and set the robber free, but he did not agree and washed his hands of sending an innocent man to his death. Jesus was forced to wear a crown of thorns as he carried a heavy wooden cross to be crucified on. He was nailed to the cross and as he died he asked God, his father, why he had abandoned him. Jesus' body was laid in a tomb by his friends. After two days, Jesus' friend Mary was walking by his tomb and saw that the stone covering the tomb had been rolled away and Jesus' body was no longer there. She saw a man and told him that her Lord's body had been stolen. The man was Jesus risen from the dead! Jesus appeared many times to his friends after that, before finally ascending to heaven.

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Perseverance



Perseverance Parable: The Lost Sheep

Jesus told the story about a shepherd who had a flock of 100 sheep. The shepherd loved all of his sheep, every single one. Every night he would count his sheep to make sure that all 100 were there and safe. He helped the sheep find the best green grass. He looked for nice clean water so his sheep could have a nice drink when they were thirsty. Sometimes dangerous animals like bears and lions would come and try to hurt his sheep. The shepherd protected the sheep and chased all of the dangerous animals away from them. Then one night, the shepherd was counting his sheep to make sure they were all safe and sound and he only counted 99 sheep. 1 was missing! He counted the sheep again, thinking he may have made a mistake, but there were only 99 sheep. The shepherd could have thought, 'well it's only 1 sheep, I still have 99 safe, ' but he didn't he searched and searched and searched to find the lost sheep. He persevered. Finally, he found the lost sheep and returned to the rest of his flock carrying it on his shoulders. He was so happy that he found his lost sheep. Jesus said the special meaning for this story was that God is like the shepherd. God loves his people.

Perseverance Miracle: The Miraculous Catch of Fish

One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds came to listen to the word of God. Jesus noticed two empty boats at the water's edge that the fishermen had left. He stepped into one of the boats and asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water and He sat in the boat and spoke to the crowds from the boat. When he finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish." "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again." And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking! Simon realised that Jesus had performed a miracle. Simon Peter continued to have faith in Jesus and never left his side. This story helps us to persevere even when things seem hopeless.

Perseverance Core Bible story: The Creation Story

In the beginning there was no earth or sky or sea or animals. God spoke in the darkness and said "Let there be light!" And then there was light. "That's good!" said God. "From now on, when it's dark it will be 'night' and when it's light, it will be 'day'."

The evening came and the night passed and then the light returned. That was the first day.

On the second day, God made the earth and over it He hung a vast blue sky.

He stood back and admired His creation. "That's good too!" said God and the second day was over.

On the third day God thought the earth needed to be a bit more organized, so He put all the water in one place and all the dry land in another. He made plants to cover the land "It's looking great," said God and that was the end of the third day.

On the fourth day, God looked around and thought, "The daylight still needs a bit more work and the night is just too dark." So, He made the sun to light the sky during the day and the moon and stars to add a bit of sparkle to the night. He hung them in the sky and stepped back to look at his work. "This is coming along very well," said God.

On the fifth day, God turned his attention to the water he had collected in the oceans. "I want these waters teeming with life!" As soon as He said it, it was so. In no time, there were millions of small fish darting through the shallow water and huge fish swimming in the ocean. God made birds, too. He sent them soaring through the air. "Ahh, that IS good!" said God. That was the end of the fifth day.

On the sixth day, God added creatures to the land. He made lions and tigers and bears. He made rabbits and sheep and cows. He added everything from ants to zebras to the land. But He still felt something was missing. So God added people to enjoy and take care of it all. God looked around and was happy with all He had made.

After six days, the whole universe was completed. On the seventh day God had a nice long rest and enjoyed looking at all He had made. If you persevere you can make great things!

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Our Values Bible Stories



Forgiveness



Forgiveness Parable: The

Prodigal Son

Jesus told the story about a man who had two sons. One day the younger son asked his father for his inheritance money. The father thought and decided to give his two sons their money and he shared it evenly between them.

The younger son immediately left home with his money and planned to never return. He left his home, but more importantly he left his father who loved him and missed him very much. While the son was gone, he spent all of the money quickly until he had nothing left. He didn't have any money to eat and he didn't have anyone to help him. He decided to return home to his father, but he was worried, he felt he did not deserve to be called his son.

As he got nearer to his home, his father came running out yelling 'My son! My son! You are finally home!' The son couldn't believe his father was happy to see him. His father hugged and kissed him. But the son quickly said, "Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I don't deserve to be called your son..." The father said to one of his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Bring the biggest calf and kill it. Let's have a party and celebrate because my son was lost and is found!"

When the older son heard of his brother's return and the party held in his honour he was cross.

The father heard that he was upset, so he went to talk to him and invited him to join the party. But the son refused saying, "Look! I have been working for you all these years and I've never disobeyed you. Yet you never had a big party for me to celebrate with my friends. But now my younger brother has come home, spent all the money you gave him, and you kill the biggest calf for him!"

"But, my son," the father said, "you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. We had to celebrate and be glad because this brother of yours was lost and now he is found." The father forgave his son. In this story the father is like God, forgiving us when we have done wrong.

Forgiveness Miracle: The Paralysed Man

Four men, who heard that Jesus was in town, decided to carry their paralysed friend on a mat to Him, to see if Jesus could heal him. The men were desperate to see Jesus and they didn't know how long he would be in their area. So, when they found he was in a nearby house, they decided to remove the roof of that house to get their paralysed friend to Jesus by lowering him through the roof on the mat! When Jesus saw the lengths that the friends had gone to, to get him to Jesus, He knew that they were true believers and he said, 'Son, your sins are forgiven'. This was not what the man had expected as he had come to Jesus because he wanted to walk. However, Jesus knew what this man needed most because he knew what was in his heart. Jesus knew that being paralysed would be difficult but it was even worse not to be forgiven. The people were surprised because they thought only God could forgive, but Jesus explained that He was the son of God and God had given him the power to forgive sins and heal people. Then, Jesus said to the paralysed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." Then the man got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all.

Forgiveness Core Bible Story: The Story of Joseph

Jacob loved Joseph more than all his other sons and he made a special robe for him. His brothers knew that their father loved Joseph more than he loved them and they were jealous. One day Joseph told his brothers about a dream he had had. He said, 'We were tying up bunches of grain out in the field when suddenly my bunch stood up, while all of yours gathered around and bowed to me.' The brothers looked at each other in disgust, but Joseph continued. 'Then I had another dream that the sun, moon, and eleven stars bowed down to me.' This made the brothers dislike Joseph even more. One day the brothers pushed Joseph down an empty well and they took his special robe. A little while later some Egyptians came by and the brother decided to sell Joseph to them as a slave! They soaked Joseph's robe in blood and took it to their father and said Joseph had been killed.

Joseph went to be a slave for a man named Potiphar, but quickly Potiphar liked him and made Joseph his helper. The Lord was with Joseph. Unfortunately, Potiphar's wife told a lie about Joseph and Potiphar put Joseph in prison. The Lord was still with Joseph in prison and the warden put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners. He never worried because he knew God was with him. After Joseph had been in jail for some time a cupbearer and baker to Pharaoh had been sent there. One night they each had a dream. They told their dreams to Joseph and he explained them. Joseph asked them to tell the Pharaoh about his ability to read dreams. One day the Pharaoh had a dream, and nobody could explain it to him. The cupbearer remembered what Joseph had done for him, and Joseph was brought to Pharaoh. "Can you understand dreams?" Pharaoh asked. "I can't, but God helps me." Joseph replied. After Pharaoh had told him his dreams Joseph explained them to him and put him in charge of all the land of Egypt.

One day Joseph's brothers came to Egypt. Joseph recognized them, but they did not know who he was. The brothers all bowed to him because he was an important person. Just as he dreamed they would at the beginning.

After a few meetings with his brothers he could not keep it in any longer and Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father alive?" But his brothers couldn't answer him because they were afraid. Then Joseph said, "Come here. I am your brother, the one you sold! Do not worry, and do not be angry at yourselves for selling me, because God has put me here to save people. I forgive you!"

**United Nations Convention
on the
Rights of the Child**



Our School Charter

Article 12—All children have the right to a **Voice** and be listened to .

Article 14—All children have the right to a **Faith**.

Article 28—All children have the right to an **Education**.

Article 29—All children have the right to be the **Best** they can be.

Article 31—All children have the right to relax and **Play**.

Vision: Let Your Light Shine

*'Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
(Matthew 5:16)*

School Motto: Believe You Can

Our School Council: Rights Ambassadors -

lead Rights in our school. They wear their Rights Ambassador badges and Hi-Vis jackets at playtimes so other children can find them easily



