



Fingringhoe

Church of England (VA) Primary School

Christian Value for Autumn Term 2 - November 2023 – December 2023

Trust

This half term we will be focusing in school on the Christian Value of Trust.

Trust is a really important value.

It must be earned.

If we do not trust someone it is very hard to build a good friendship with them.

As a family, you may want to talk together about:

- People who you know that are trustworthy
- Practical ways that we can show others that we are trustworthy
- Why it is important to be able to trust others when working together as a team

Read 'The Storm on the Lake' (Bible story based on Mark 4:35-41) to find out what Jesus said about trust.

The Storm on the Lake

The disciples were just exhausted. All day crowds and crowds of people had been following Jesus, listening as he taught them about God's love and watching as he healed people who were ill. Now the sun was beginning to set over the Sea of Galilee. Seeing how tired his friends were, Jesus said, "Let's get in a boat and go over to the other side of the lake."

They rowed away from the shore while Jesus went to the front of the boat and lay down. The waves lapped gently against the side of the boat, lulling Jesus into a peaceful sleep.

Suddenly the wind began to blow dark clouds across the sky. The waves weren't so gentle anymore. The little boat began to pitch and rock. The men looked anxiously across the lake. But Jesus still lay sleeping in the front of the boat.

The wind blew stronger. Great gusts rocked the boat. Spray from the waves soaked everyone inside. But Jesus still lay sleeping in the front of the boat.

By the time they reached the centre of the lake, the wind had turned into an angry gale that whipped the waves so high that they washed right over the boat. Jesus' friends were terrified. They thought they might drown. But still Jesus slept on.

Finally, one of Jesus' friends went and shook him awake.

"Master," he cried, "don't you care if we drown?" Jesus looked around. He listened to the howling wind. He felt the cold, stinging spray of the waves. He saw the fear in the faces of his disciples.

Jesus stood, stretched out his arms to the wind and the waves, and commanded:

"Peace! Be still!" At once the wind died down and the waves became completely calm. Turning to them, Jesus asked the disciples:

"Why are you so afraid? Do you not trust me?"