

**Focus - The Gospel writers - Spring 1 2026**

**Whole-term focus:** Last term we travelled through the Bible as one big story of God's love for His people. It is also *our story* because we are part of God's people today. This term we will focus on meeting Jesus in different ways through the gospels.

Week beginning	Theme	Acts of worship	Information/resources etc
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Week 1: Four Gospels, one story</b> - introducing the idea that the same story can be told in different ways	Tues -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce the values - <b>Wisdom and Truth</b></li> </ul> <p>Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me."  <b>John 14:6</b>                      Hymn - This little light of mine</p>
		Wed - Theme - Different perspectives help us understand more fully	<p><b>Key teaching points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People can experience the same event but notice different things</li> <li>Hearing more than one perspective helps us be fair and wise</li> <li>Understanding grows when we listen carefully to others</li> </ul>
		Thurs - Church Theme - The four Gospels give us different perspectives on Jesus	<p><b>Key teaching points</b></p> <p><i>Gospel</i> means "good news"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The story of Jesus is told in <b>four Gospels</b></li> <li>Each Gospel writer wrote for different people</li> <li>They noticed different things about Jesus</li> <li>Together, the four Gospels give a fuller picture of who Jesus is</li> </ul>
		Fri - Celebration	
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Week 2: Matthew - Jesus the Teacher</b>	Mon - Intro and singing Introducing Matthew's Gospel	<p><b>Key teaching points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This week we are focusing on <b>Matthew's Gospel</b></li> <li>Matthew was written for people who already knew God's story</li> </ul>

	(learning how to live well)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matthew shows Jesus as a <b>teacher</b> who explains how to live God's way</li> </ul>
	Tues - How people learn how to live well (Exploring the idea without using the Bible - draw on other resources)		<p><b>Key teaching points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People learn from teachers, family, friends and experience</li> <li>Learning how to live well is about values, not just rules</li> <li>Understanding <i>why</i> something matters helps us live it out</li> </ul>
	Wed - Michelle Jesus teaches what really matters to God		<p><b>Key teaching points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jesus taught people who already knew God's laws</li> <li>He helped them understand what mattered most</li> <li>Jesus summed up God's teaching as love</li> </ul> <p><b>Bible story/reference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The Greatest Commandment</b> - Matthew 22:34-40 (Love God, love your neighbour)</li> </ul>
	Thurs - Church Jesus teaches a new way of living		<p><b>Key teaching points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jesus taught people how to live God's way day by day</li> <li>His teaching focused on kindness, forgiveness and mercy</li> <li>Matthew presents Jesus as a teacher helping people live well</li> </ul> <p><b>Bible stories/references (choose one):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The Sermon on the Mount</b> - Matthew 5:1-12 (The Beatitudes, simplified) <i>or</i></li> <li><b>Salt and Light</b> - Matthew 5:13-16 <i>or</i></li> <li><b>Forgiveness</b> - Matthew 18:21-22</li> </ul>
	Fri - Celebration		
		Mon -	<b>Some possible teaching points</b>

<p>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> January</p>	<p><b>Week 3:</b> Mark - Jesus in Action (help and hope in difficult moments)</p>	<p>intro and singing. This week we are focusing on <b>Mark's Gospel</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark was written mainly for people who were new to the story of Jesus</li> <li>• Mark tells the story quickly and clearly.</li> <li>• Mark shows Jesus as someone who acts.</li> </ul>
		<p>Tues -</p> <p><b>Why actions matter</b> (Exploring the idea without using the Bible - draw on other resources)</p>	<p><b>Some possible teaching points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actions often show what people really care about</li> <li>• Small actions can make a big difference</li> <li>• Helping actions can change how people feel</li> <li>• Doing something can matter as much as saying something</li> </ul>
		<p>Wed -</p> <p><b>Jesus helps people when things feel frightening or out of control</b></p>	<p><b>Some possible teaching points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark shows Jesus responding quickly when people are afraid</li> <li>• Jesus brings calm and reassurance</li> <li>• Jesus helps when things feel chaotic</li> </ul> <p><b>Bible story/reference</b></p> <p>Jesus calms the storm - Mark 4:35-41</p>
		<p>Thurs - Church</p> <p><b>Jesus' actions show God's care for people</b></p>	<p><b>Some possible teaching points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus' actions show God's love and care</li> <li>• Jesus helps, heals and restores</li> <li>• Mark shows that God is with people in difficult moments</li> </ul> <p><b>Bible stories/references (choose one):</b></p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healing of the paralysed man - Mark 2:1-12 or</li> <li>• Jesus heals many people - Mark 1:32-34</li> </ul>
		Fri - Celebration	
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Week 4: Luke - Everyone Matters (kindness, inclusion, noticing others)	Mon - Intro and singing	<p><b>Some possible teaching points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This week we are focusing on <b>Luke's Gospel</b></li> <li>• Luke was written for people who were not part of the Jewish community</li> <li>• Luke wanted <u>everyone</u> to know they mattered to God</li> <li>• Luke shows Jesus caring for people who were often overlooked</li> </ul>
		Tues -	<p><b>Some possible teaching points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyone needs to feel noticed and included</li> <li>• Kindness helps people feel they belong</li> <li>• Small actions can make a big difference</li> <li>• Feeling included affects how people feel and behave</li> </ul>
		Wed -	<p><b>Jesus notices people others ignore</b></p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus welcomes children - Luke 18:15-17 or</li> <li>• Zacchaeus - Luke 19:1-10</li> </ul>
		<p>Thurs - Church</p> <p><b>Jesus teaches kindness beyond boundaries</b></p>	<p><b>Some possible teaching points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus taught that love should go beyond friendship groups</li> <li>• Kindness sometimes means helping people who are different from us</li> <li>• Luke shows Jesus calling people to care for others</li> </ul> <p><b>Bible story/reference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25-37</li> </ul>
		Fri Celebration	
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>Week 5:</b> John - Jesus the Light (hope, truth and love)	<p>Mon - Intro and singing</p> <p><b>Introducing John's Gospel</b></p>	<p><b>Some possible teaching points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This week we are focusing on <b>John's Gospel</b></li> <li>• John was written for people asking big questions about God and life</li> <li>• John uses images and symbols to help people understand</li> <li>• John shows Jesus as bringing light and life</li> </ul>
		<p>Tues -</p> <p><b>Light and darkness as ideas</b> <i>(Exploring the idea without using the</i></p>	<p><b>Key teaching points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light helps people see clearly and feel safe</li> <li>• Darkness can represent confusion or fear</li> <li>• Our actions can bring light or darkness into situations</li> <li>• Being honest and kind brings light</li> </ul>

		<i>Bible - draw on other resources)</i>	
		Wed -  <b>Jesus brings light and hope to people</b>	<p><b>Some possible teaching points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John shows Jesus bringing understanding and hope</li> <li>• Jesus helps people see God's love more clearly</li> <li>• Jesus changes how people understand themselves and the world</li> </ul> <p><b>Bible story/reference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus heals a man born blind - John 9:1-7</li> </ul>
		Thurs - Church  <b>Jesus shows what God is like</b>	<p><b>Some possible teaching points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus describes himself as the light of the world</li> <li>• Light shows the way and helps people live well</li> <li>• John presents Jesus as revealing God's love and truth</li> </ul> <p><b>Bible story/reference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "I am the light of the world" - John 8:12</li> </ul>
		Fri - Celebration	
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> February  Also Feeling	<b>Week 6:</b> What does this all mean for us? (how these ideas	Mon - Intro and singing  <b>Bringing the four Gospels together</b>	<p><b>Some possible teaching points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have explored four Gospels</li> <li>• Each Gospel shows something important about Jesus</li> <li>• Together they help us understand how he wants us to live</li> </ul>

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		<p>Wed - Michelle</p> <p><b>Living the values Jesus showed</b></p>	<p><b>Some possible teaching points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus showed kindness, courage, honesty and love</li> <li>• These values shape how we live together</li> <li>• We can choose to live these values at school</li> </ul> <p><b>Bible story/reference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Micah 6:8 - Acting justly, loving kindness</li> </ul>
		<p>Thurs - Church</p> <p><b>Choosing to live the Jesus way</b></p>	<p><b>Some possible teaching points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Gospels invite people to respond</li> <li>• Living Jesus' way means choosing love.</li> <li>• Everyone can make a difference through their choices</li> </ul> <p><b>Bible story/reference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The wise and foolish builders - Matthew 7:24-25</li> </ul>
		<p>Fri - Celebration</p>	

