**2.3 THE GOOD NEWS**

**CONCEPTS:** Gospel

**About this unit**

This unit is designed to develop the children’s knowledge and understanding of the joy that Jesus brings and to reflect on how we can bring joy to others. The children will learn that Jesus brings the good news of God’s love through his miracles and so turns sadness into joy.

**Where the unit fits in**

This unit builds on previous learning in Year One during unit 1.4 ‘Following Jesus’ that encouraged the children to reflect on how they can be followers of Jesus. It builds on 1.6 ‘Miracles’ from which the children learnt that Jesus performed miracles to show God’s love and compassion to people.

**Prior learning**

It is helpful if children have reflected on their good news and how it makes them feel. The children will have been introduced to some of the miracles of Jesus.

**Key words**

Good news, joy, sadness, thank, Jesus, miracle, power, Jairus, believe, cure, heal, leper, leprosy, disease, 5000, bread, fish, Lent

**Links to ‘God’s Story’ and ‘Church’s Story’**

*God’s Story 2*, pp. 52-53

**KEY SCRIPTURE**

Mark 5: 21-24, 35-43 (The daughter of Jairus raised to life)

Luke 17: 11-19 (The Ten Lepers)

John 6: 1-15 (The miracle of the loaves)

**KNOWLEDGE SEQUENCE**

• *Jesus, Mary and Joseph are the Holy Family*

*• Jesus learned lots of things from his parents: about God, how to pray, and life-skills –just like us*

*• As Jesus grew up, he wanted to tell people the good news about God*

*• Jesus chooses friends (disciples) to help him tell the good news about God*

• Jesus shows the good news about God through his actions

• Jesus shows that God is loving and forgiving to all:

• God is a friend to the friendless and lonely (The Ten Lepers)

• God feeds the hungry (Feeding of the 5000)

• God heals the sick (Jairus’ Daughter and Cure of the Paralysed Man)

• God forgives us (Cure of the Paralysed Man)

• These stories make us think about how we can show our love for others

**WTL LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

*• Know about the Holy Family*

*• Reflect on Jesus being young like us*

• *Know that Jesus chose some helpers*

• Think about what we can learn from Simon Peter and Andrew

• Know that Jesus used his power to help others and reflect on the importance of these events

• Know that Jesus brought the good news of God’s love and reflect on what this means for us

• Know the story of the Ten Lepers

• Know that Jesus can change sadness into joy

• Think about why it is important to say thank you

• Know that Jesus feed the hungry crowd

• Be aware that Jesus asks us to help others in need

• Know that Jesus cured a man who was paralysed.

• Reflect on the great love Jesus has for all who are sick

**BY THE END OF THIS UNIT PUPILS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO:**

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| Retell, in any form, at least two religious stories on the theme of the Good News | Give clear, simple descriptions of what these stories tell us about Jesus / God | Use religious words like, Good news, Jesus, miracle, Jairus, believe, cure, heal, leper, leprosy, disease, bread, fish, Lent |
| Give examples of how to follow the teachings about bringing good news to the friendless / sick | Ask and answer questions about their own feelings and experiences and of characters in the stories | **Answer questions like, ‘Are our actions more important than our words?’ ‘Why?’** |