

Learning and growing hand in hand together, following the footsteps of Jesus.



GENEROSITY

This term our Collective Worship focus will be based on the value GENEROSITY. We hope your family find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Think together about Words of Wisdom "God loves a cheerful giver"

2 Corinthians 9.7

New King James Version® of the Bible



FACINATING FACTS

Lieutenant Baden-Powell was a brave soldier in the British Army and served in India and Africa. He was an expert in wilderness survival skills, like hunting, making fires and building rafts. To help new soldiers he wrote a small manual. A version of this became 'Scouting for Boys' and gave him the idea of setting up the Scouting movement.

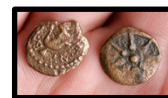
Today, worldwide, millions of children and young people are Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies or Rainbows. • In the UK over 160,000 volunteers run Scouting and Guiding groups • They generously give over 20 million hours of service each year • Many parents also use their skills to help children to earn badges.



READ TOGETHER

The Widow's Mite

Jesus had been teaching in the Temple. But now he sat down near the treasury and watched as the many visitors to the Temple passed by and dropped money into the collecting box to help with God's work. The rich men dressed in fine robes threw in handfuls of coins as they passed, without a thought. But then a poor widow came by, paused, and placed just two mites (tiny coins) into the box. Jesus called his disciples to him and told them what he had seen. Then he said to them, "Let me tell you, this poor widow gave more than all those people who threw many coins into the treasury. The wealthy men gave just a small part of their riches which made no difference to them. But the widow gave all that she had." You see, God is more interested in what is in the heart of the giver than the size of their gift.



A MITE in Jesus' time was a small brass coin worth 1/128th of a denarius. Typically, a labourer was paid 1 denarius for a day's work. In Britain, many years ago, a coin called a mite was in general use and worth half a farthing, a very tiny amount of money.

HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE



The Generosity tree

The fruit of the generosity tree are blessings. Think of something generous that you could do that would bless someone and make them happy. Then do it. Design and make a colourful exotic looking fruit to represent the blessing and bring it to school to hang on the Generosity tree.

OTHER BOOKS TO EXPLORE

TITLE	AUTHOR
The Smartest Giant in Town	Julia Donaldson
Sharing a Shell	Julia Donaldson
The Tiger who came to Tea	Judith Kerr
The Raven's Tale	Kenneth Steven
The Greatest Gift	Susan Summers
Babushka	Sandra Ann Horn
One Winter's Day	Christine Butler

★ HALL OF FAME

A Generous Saint

Nicholas grew up long ago in a poor part of Turkey. His father earned just enough to provide for the needs of his family but many people in the town were extremely poor. One day something extraordinary happened. A wealthy relative, who Nicholas barely knew, suddenly died, and left him a vast fortune. Overnight Nicholas became rich, so rich that he felt very uncomfortable about having so much money when many of the townsfolk barely had enough to eat. But Nicholas knew that the families were proud, and they would not want to accept money that they had not earned. He needed to find a way to help them in secret. So, in the dark of night, Nicholas crept through the town leaving parcels of food, clothing and money for the families most in need. He helped one family with three daughters several times. The father was so curious about the mysterious benefactor, that he was determined to stay awake and discover who was being so generous. As Nicholas quietly left his gift at the door of their tiny home the man leapt out and chased Nicholas until he finally caught up. Nicholas was embarrassed and begged the man not to give away his secret. The father promised. But he was so happy and grateful that he just couldn't help telling people, and soon the whole town knew about Nicholas' generosity. Nicholas continued to live in the same town, and he continued to be generous to everyone in need. Every December he rewarded the children who had been good during the year by secretly delivering presents whilst they were asleep. To this day Nicholas is remembered in countries across the world when children receive gifts on December 5th, St Nicholas' Day.