

Year 6 Worship and Reflection Monday, 23rd November

Introduction

On Sunday 22nd November, we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King. It is the end of the Church year and so a time of celebration. As a class, our worship explored how God always guides us through people, the Church, Scripture and the voice in our hearts.



Jesus is the King of love who leads and guides us in our lives.

Key Scripture

"I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:31-46



Jesus said to His disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, escorted by all the angels, then He will take His seat on His throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before Him and He will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on His right hand and the goats on His left.

"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.' Then the virtuous will say to Him in reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?' And the King will answer, 'I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.'

"Next He will say to those on His left hand, 'Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.' Then it will be their turn to ask, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?' Then He will answer, 'I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.' And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life."

Reflection

Your first thought might be that the King, who is like Jesus, is being very strict and is telling people off!

- But really, just like a caring parent who pulls the hand of a toddler to keep them away from a busy road, **Jesus just wants to protect and care for us because He loves us.**
- Jesus knows that **He can best protect and care for us when we listen to His guiding voice.**

We know that God guides us towards what is best for us, but how does He guide us?

- One way is through people - parents, teachers, brothers and sisters
- God also speaks to us through His friends, His followers - the Church. Through the words the priest says, through the prayers we have been taught or the hymns we sing.

- God has written a whole book for us called the Bible. He speaks to us through it, encourages us, comforts us and guides us.
- God also guides us when we listen to our hearts.
We just need to ask for His advice.



Dear Lord,

Help us to remember that you are always guiding us. Help us to listen to you when you speak to us through others, through the church, through the bible and in our own hearts.

Amen