

TABLE TALK



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MONDAY : ALL ABOUT GOD

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of heaven's armies. His glory fills the earth"

- Isaiah 6:3

QUESTIONS:

- What word is used to describe God in this verse?
- What do you think it means to be Holy?

We can think of being Holy as 3 things in 1. Holy means being:

- **Sinless**
- **Perfect**
- **Set Apart**

So God is Holy, he is sinless, perfect and set apart from us!

Whereas God is sinless, we are sinners. God is perfect while we are imperfect.

We make mistakes, we do bad things and we do things we know we shouldn't. Lot's of the time these bad things we do end up hurting ourselves or other people. Isn't it great that God is nothing like that? Isn't it amazing that we pray to a God who can't do anything wrong?

PRAY

Praise God that there is no one like him! Praise his holiness! While we are sinners, he is sinless! Even though we might not be able to understand this completely, one day when we see God face to face we will know what perfection looks like!

TUESDAY : JESUS TAUGHT US

“Don’t judge other people, and you will not be judged. You will be judged in the same way that you judge others. And the forgiveness you give to others will be given to you.

“Why do you notice the little piece of dust that is in your brother’s eye, but you don’t notice the big piece of wood that is in your own eye? Why do you say to your brother, ‘Let me take that little piece of dust out of your eye’? Look at yourself first! You still have that big piece of wood in your own eye. You are a hypocrite! First, take the wood out of your own eye. Then you will see clearly enough to take the dust out of your brother’s eye.”

- Matthew 7:1-5

- What does it mean to Judge?
- What is a hypocrite?
- What do you think this passage is talking about?
- Whose actions does Jesus think we should worry about? Our actions or other peoples actions?

Sometimes it is easier to look at the bad things other people do and not look at the bad things we do. But the truth is everyone does bad things because we are all sinners. The only person who can judge us is God because he is sinless.

PRAY

God is a just and fair judge. He is the only one who can judge our sins. Ask God to help you to not judge others and be a hypocrite. Instead, ask God to help you look at your own sin so that you can ask him for forgiveness!

WEDNESDAY :

PEOPLE



Throughout history there are lots of people who worked hard to tell other people about God. Today we get to benefit from their hard work without even realising it. For example, we get to read the Bible in English. This is thanks to a man called William Tyndale who we are going to learn about today!

William Tyndale was born in 1494 when Henry the 7th was King. At this time the Bible was written in a language called Latin. But only really rich people and the priests could read Latin, so normal people had no way to read God's word! So the only way they could learn about God was at Church on Sundays. They couldn't read the Bible on their own like we can today!

The Church and the Government thought that if normal people could read the Bible they would end up misunderstanding it causing them to end up disobeying God rather than drawing closer to him. So they decided to keep the Bible in Latin and said that anyone who translated it into English would be guilty of a crime called heresy and would be punished.

William Tyndale could read Latin so he was able to read the Bible. He didn't think that the priests were teaching the people what the Bible actually said and thought that people had the right to be able to read the Bible in their own language. This got William into trouble so he decided to leave England and go to with friends live in Germany where he knew he would be safe. While he was there William and his friends translated the Bible into English using the original Hebrew and Greek texts. William published this translation of the Bible in 1525 and sent the copies to England. The Government was really angry with William. They sent people to find him, then they charged him with heresy and had him killed as a punishment.

William knew that he would probably die because of what he did but he knew that it was the right thing to do. Only 4 years after William died, the Government changed its mind and the King published his own English Bible using lots of Williams translation. So, it is thanks to William that we have the Bible in a language we understand. Lots of people today still don't have this so we shouldn't take it for granted!

LETS THINK...

Have you ever thought about how fortunate we are to have the Bible in a language we can read? What do you think it must be like to not be able to read the Bible?

THURSDAY : THANKSGIVING

"Rejoice always,
pray continually,
give thanks in all
circumstances;
for this is God's will
for you in Christ
Jesus."
- 1 Thessalonians
5:16-18

This verse teaches us to do 3 things? Can you spot them?

Sometimes we can be sad or find it hard to rejoice all the time! But there are always things we can be thankful for. What are you thankful for today?

One of the big things we can be thank God for is the fact that he loves us, and he sent his son to die for us! This should give us a reason to rejoice, be thankful and pray always!



FRIDAY : THE WORLD

“ *First, I tell you to pray for all people. Ask God for the things people need, and be thankful to him. - 1 Timothy 2:1* ”

Every Friday we are spending sometime thinking and praying for Christians in other parts of the world where it is difficult and dangerous to be a Christian. Today we are looking at Ethiopia - do you know where that is?

There have been people in Ethiopia following Jesus since the 1st century - that's 2000 years ago! Today there are still lots of Christians there. Actually there are 65.8 million Christians in Ethiopia today. But even though there are lots of them, it is hard to be a Christian in Ethiopia. Christians in Ethiopia can be discriminated against by people in other religions and the government, they can be kicked out of their families and communities, and sometimes denied things they need because they follow Jesus.

PRAY

Father God, thank you that there are lots of Christians in Ethiopia who know and love you. Thank you that they know you are with them even when things are hard. Please protect your children in Ethiopia. We pray for more unity between the Christians there. We pray for peace between the different religions. Please give wisdom to Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, and grant him the means to improve the human rights situation in Ethiopia