

TABLE TALK



WEEK TEN

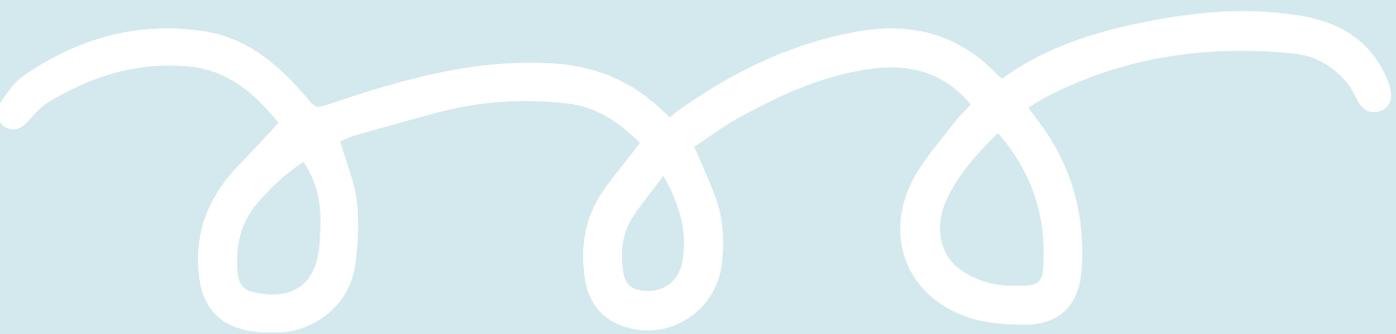
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MONDAY : ALL ABOUT GOD

What is a shield? Who wears a shield and what do they use it for?

Can you think of a time a shield is mentioned in the Bible? (A couple of weeks ago at Junior Church Zoom we looked at the time God promised Abram he would be his shield). Can you think of other times God shielded his people and protected them?



“My shield is God Most High, who saves the upright in heart.” - Psalm 7:10

Who is our shield? A shield protects someone from danger. What is the biggest danger we face?

There are lots of things that we want to be protected from, but the biggest danger is the punishment our sins deserve. How does God protect us from the punishment of our sins? The most amazing way that God has shielded His people is by sending Jesus to die in our place so that everyone who repents and believes in Him by faith will be shielded from the wrath of God.

PRAY

Thank you God for being our shield. Thank you for protecting us from the punishment our sins deserve by sending your son Jesus to die in our place.

TUESDAY : JESUS

TAUGHT US

On Tuesday's we're looking at different things Jesus taught us. For the next few weeks, we're going to be learning about the different things Jesus taught us about himself.

“Then Jesus said, “I am the bread that gives life. He who comes to me will never be hungry. He who believes in me will never be thirsty.” – John 6:35

What does Jesus say he is in this Bible verse? What do you think he means?

Jesus had just fed over 5000 people with lots of bread and fish. The people were amazed and wanted more of this miraculous bread. But Jesus didn't want to just fill their tummies, he wanted to fill their hearts!

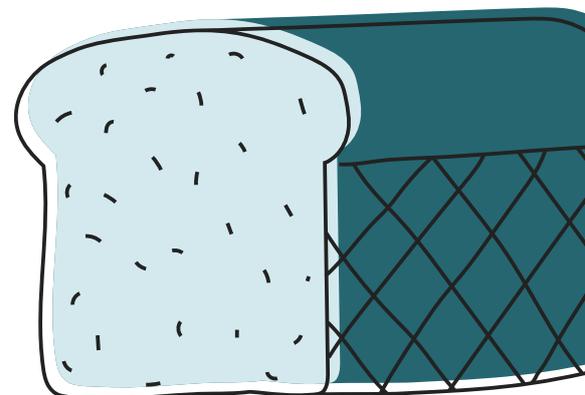
What happens when we don't eat for a really long time? We get hungry! Well, Jesus wants us to realise that without him, we'll become spiritually hungry. Just like our bellies, our hearts will be empty.

When we eat food, we get hungry again a few hours later. But what does Jesus say will

happen if we believe in him? We'll never be hungry again! Jesus will fill our hearts so that we'll never be spiritually hungry again!

PRAY

Thank Jesus for being the bread of life. Praise him for filling up our hearts so that we never go spiritually hungry but instead we can have eternal life through him!



WEDNESDAY : PEOPLE

On Wednesday's we're learning about different people in Church History. Today we are going to be learning about a lady called Eléanor de Roye. Eléanor was a French Princess who lived nearly 500 years ago.

When Eléanor was alive, girls, especially princesses, didn't get to chose what they did with their lives and they had to do what their Dads, Uncles or brothers, told them to do. But as Eléanor grew older, she knew that she wanted to use her life to serve God and protect his people.



Eléanor and her husband Prince Louis both loved Jesus. But when Eléanor was 25 years old, war broke out in France and it became hard for Christians to follow Jesus. Lots of Christian men, including Louis, went away to fight in battles, leaving women like Eléanor wondering what they could do. At the time, Eléanor was expected to stay at home with her children and pray that Louis would come home. But Eléanor knew that as a Christian she should do whatever she could to serve God even though it was dangerous.

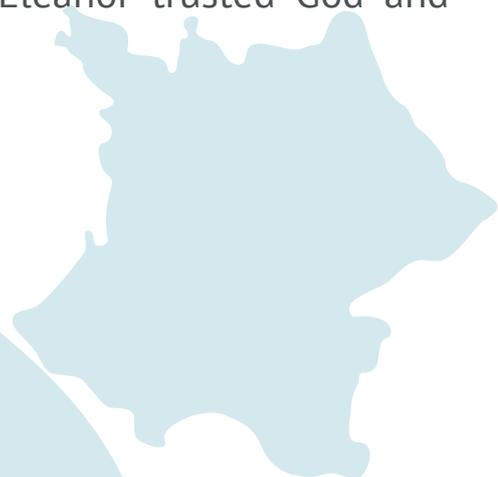
In 1562, the town of Orléan was attacked and the city was destroyed. Eléanor and her friends rode to Orléan straight away! They helped to build and rebuild the city walls and nurse the injured and the sick. This was really dangerous, and sadly one of Eléanor's best friends died when she caught the plague there. But Eléanor stayed. Eléanor trusted God and did whatever she could to show people his love.

Thanks to Eléanor's hard work, the war ended and peace was achieved in 1563.

Because she was a girl and a princess, people expected Eléanor to let her husband and his friends do all the hard work. But Eléanor loved Jesus and knew that she had to do whatever she could to serve him. Even though this meant Eléanor lots of hard work and travelling to very dangerous and scary places, Eléanor trusted God and carried on working for him.

LETS THINK

Are there times when you find it scary or difficult to follow Jesus? What can you learn form the life of Princess Eléanor de Roye?



THURSDAY : THANKSGIVING

“There are different kinds of gifts; but they are all from the same Spirit. There are different ways to serve; but all these ways are from the same Lord. And there are different ways that God works in people; but all these ways are from the same God. God works in us all in everything we do.” –
1 Corinthians 14:4-6

The Bible tells us that God has given each of us different gifts – things we are good at and can use to serve him.

What gifts do you think God has given you?

Some of these gifts might be obvious, others might take us a long time to realise. Sometimes we might not appreciate our gifts enough or we might wish we had different gifts.

But this Bible verse reminds us that all of our gifts are from God and all of them are equally important.

Let's spend some time thanking God for all of our different gifts and asking him to help us use our gifts to serve him.

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*”

On Friday's we are praying for our brothers and sisters in different countries where it is difficult and dangerous to follow Jesus. Today we are learning about Iran. Do you know where Iran is?

Less than 1% of the people in Iran are Christians because Iran is a Muslim country. In Iran, if a Muslim decides to follow Jesus they can be arrested and even face the death penalty. The government makes it really hard for Christians and Churches in

Iran – it's illegal to hold Church services in Farsi, the language they speak,

or produce Christian books in Farsi. Because of this,

Christians in Iran follow Jesus secretly. But God is still working in Iran and the church there is growing!

PRAY

Lord, we pray for our persecuted family in Iran. Please give opportunities to believers to share the good news of Jesus Christ, despite the obstacles that stand in their way. We praise You that the number of believers is growing, and we pray that many more Iranians would turn to Christ.



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