

TABLE TALK

WEEK TWELVE

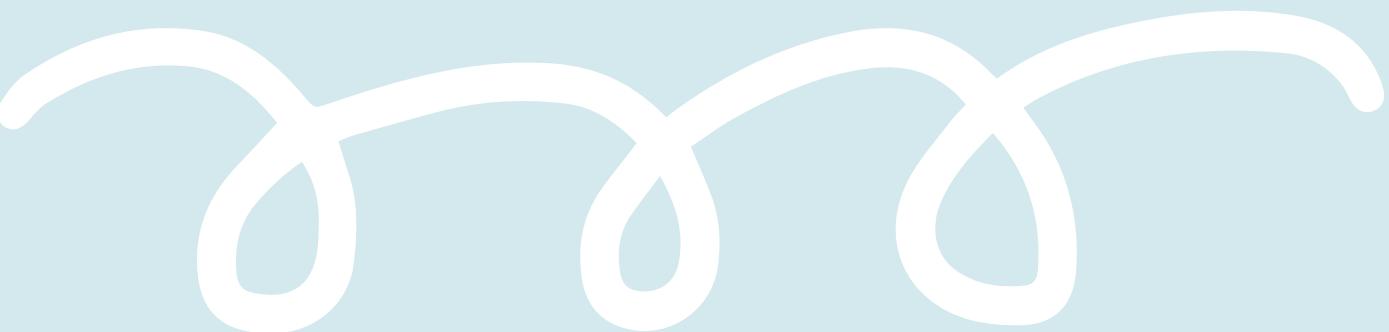
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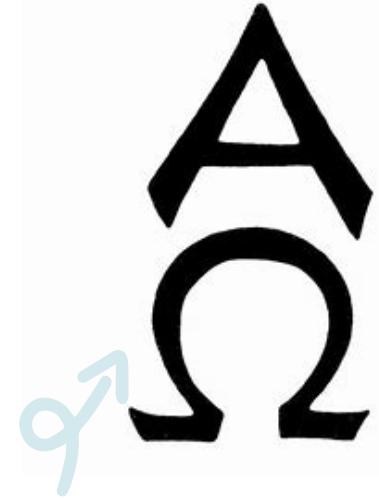
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this is what aplha and omega look like!

Do you know your alphabet? How fast can you say it? What is the first letter in our alphabet? What is the last letter in our alphabet? In the book of Revelation – the last book in the Bible – Jesus says this:

“I am the Alpha and the Omega” – Revelation 21:6

Do you know what ‘Alpha’ and ‘Omega’ mean?

The New Testament was originally written in Greek. In the Greek alphabet the first letter is ‘Alpha’ and the last letter is ‘Omega’. So, it’s like Jesus is saying – “I am the A and the Z”. What do you think this means?

Luckily, we don’t have to guess what this means because Jesus tells us! Here’s the rest of the verse:

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End”
Jesus is using the alphabet to help us understand that he is eternal. God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, have always existed. They were there at the beginning of time and they will be there at the end of time too!

Just like our alphabet starts with A and ends with Z, the world and everything in it, starts with Jesus and ends with Jesus!

PRAY

Dear God, you are so amazing that we can’t even understand how amazing you are! We praise you as the Alpha and the Omega, the one who was, and is, and is to come.

Help us to learn more about you every day!

TUESDAY : JESUS TAUGHT US

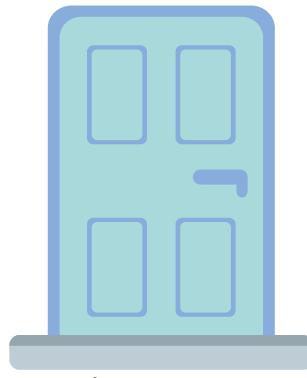
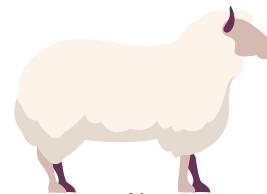
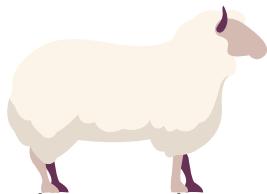
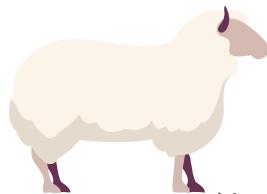
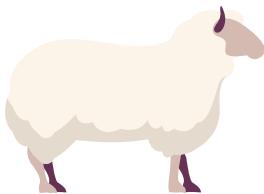
On Tuesday's we've been looking at different ways Jesus describes himself in the book of John. Can you spot the 'I AM' saying in these verses?

"So Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth. I am the door for the sheep. All the people who came before me were thieves and robbers. The sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. The person who enters through me will be saved. He will be able to come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes to steal and kill and destroy. But I came to give life—life in all its fullness." – John 10:7-10

The door for the sheep would have been the door to their pen where they would have lived safe, happy and protected. Because sheep can be kind of stupid, the shepherd would often stand as the door to the pen welcoming the sheep in. The sheep couldn't get into the pen without going through the shepherd.

But this isn't just a little story about sheep – it's about Jesus! We are the sheep, the pen is salvation and, just like he said, Jesus is the door. We need salvation so we can be with God, safe and happy. Jesus is the door to salvation so we can only be saved if we go through him. Sometimes other people might tell us there are different ways to be saved, but these people are like thieves trying to steal the sheep – we shouldn't believe them.

Through Jesus, the door, we can be saved and have life.



WEDNESDAY : PEOPLE

On Wednesday's we learn about different people who God used at different points in history. Today we are going to learn about a lady called Catherine of Siena. Catherine was born in 1347 and lived in Siena Italy. Catherine was the youngest of 24 children! Even though she grew up in a big family with lots going on, even when she was really little, Catherine spent lots of her day learning about God – even forcing her brother to walk with her to Church so she could listen to the preacher!



Years later, when Catherine was 27, God's people in Italy were struggling. Lots of people were fighting (including Church leaders!) which was making it difficult for every-day-people to learn about God and grow closer to him. Even though girls weren't expected to be involved in the Church when Catherine was alive, Catherine started doing all she could to help people love Jesus!

Catherine travelled across Italy telling people about Jesus and encouraging them to keep learning about him. She also spoke to important people, showing them the effect the fighting was having on Italy, and trying to negotiate peace. Sometimes people didn't like what Catherine was doing because she was a girl and sometimes, they just didn't like what she was saying. Lots of times people called her horrible things or threatened to hurt her, but Catherine just moved on to the next town to tell them about Jesus.

One of the things Catherine would tell people was: Catherine believed that if everyone lived as God wanted them to, they would be able to change the world! Catherine did her best to live as God wanted her too and she definitely made an impact! Even though Catherine died in 1380, when she was only 33 years old, she is still remembered by people across the world!

If you are what you should be, you will set the world on fire!



LET'S THINK

What have you learnt from Catherine's story?
Do you think you are living like God wants
you to be?

THURSDAY : THANKSGIVING

Which country do you think has the most rain every year?

- A) Ireland
- B) Scotland
- C) Wales
- D) England

The answer is B) Scotland, but Wales isn't far behind. Some people don't like the rain, but rain does lots of important things. What does rain do? In Job 37, Job talks about how all of creation is under God's control – including the weather! Here's what he says about rain:

"God's voice thunders in
wonderful ways.

He does great things we
cannot understand.

God says to the snow, 'Fall on
the earth.'

And he says to the rain
shower, 'Be a heavy rain.'

With it, God stops everyone
from working.

That way, everyone knows
it is the work of
God." – Job 37:5-7



Rain is a gift from God and it helps us to remember
God's power. Let's spend some time thanking God for
rain!

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 **”**

Over the last few weeks, lots of children in the UK have gone back to school. Some of us were really excited, some were nervous, and some didn't want to go back! But we shouldn't take school for granted. School helps us to learn more about the world God created and it encourages us to use the brains God has given us too!

Across the world, lots of children don't get the opportunity to go to school and, because of COVID, this will be true for more and more children. In fact, only 50% of the world's children are in school at the moment. This is because some schools are still closed or are doing online school. But, for 2/3 children, there will be no school ever again.

Some won't get to go to school because the nearest school has closed. Some will have to get jobs so they can earn money for food, and some will have to stay at home in order to care for their families. Other children, who are sick or have a disability, will also not be able to go to school for a long time.

Let's spend some time thanking God for our teachers and schools and pray for children across the world!

PRAY

Dear God, Thank you for all the different gifts you have given us, including the gift of school. Help us to make the most of school as we start a new year. We pray for all of the children across the world who aren't back in school for whatever reason that is. Please be with them and make a way for them to keep learning or start learning again soon. Amen.

