

## Primary Years Encouragement – 05.05.2020

**“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.  
In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome  
the world.”  
John 16:33**

Hello CYM

How are you all?

This week is the lead up to the VE Day 75 weekend. VE Day means ‘Victory In Europe Day’, which marks the day towards the end of World War II, when fighting against Nazi Germany came to an end and there was peace. It was 75 years ago since the end of World War II.....

I wonder how people celebrated the end of World War II? They must have been so excited.

This weekend starting this Friday (8<sup>th</sup> May) we are being encouraged to mark this incredible time in our history. Originally, there would have been all kinds of parties and services planned all over Europe. However, due to lockdown, our local government is asking us to be a little creative using social distancing:-



Isn't it amazing how people have encouraged us to still be community even in these difficult times?

So this weeks' encouragement is about VE Day 75 and Peace:-

### **Activity**

#### **VE Day 75 Craft**

#### **VE Day Bunting**

Enjoy colouring in the attached bunting for your window or garden party.

#### **Who Would You Have In The Boat?**

#### **Craft For Sunday**

For this activity you will need some paper and pens to draw a boat.

When we face storms in our lives, we often refer to being in a boat whilst we go through the storm. You could say that lockdown is a storm that we are all having to deal with in different ways. Who would you have in the boat with you during the storm of lockdown? You could add these people to your picture.



## Recipe Idea



### Apple and cheese boats

**You will need:**

- Apple
- Cheese
- Sharp knife – **and adult help to cut**
- Cocktail sticks
- Chopping board

**What to do:**

1. Cut the apple into quarters, then cut in half again.
2. Cut the cheese into 1cm thick, triangular pieces.
3. Carefully place the small cocktail stick in the cheese.
4. Push the stick into the apple.
5. Enjoy with everyone in the family.

## Game



### Waterwalk race - *best played outside!*

**You will need:**

- A plastic cup or jug
- 2 buckets or bowls
- A ruler
- Timer - watch or phone

**How to play:**  
This is great fun and needs at least 2 players  
Place a bucket with water in it at one end of the garden and an empty bucket at the other end of the garden - about 10 large steps apart.  
Each player is given 2 minutes to carry water in the cup/jug from one bucket to another.  
Use the ruler to measure how much water the player manages to collect.  
Why not have a competition between everyone in the house to see who can collect the most water?



*How far from the shore was the boat when Peter jumped into the water and swam ashore?*

## The David Banks-Broome Challenge

Challenge No. 6

### Story

#### Jesus Calms The Storm (In The New Testament – Matthew 8:23-27)

Jesus and his disciples got into a boat. They wanted to cross the sea. Jesus took a nap. The waves gently rocked the boat back and forth. Suddenly a great storm came up. Waves splashed over the boat. Winds whipped around the disciples. They woke Jesus up and shouted, "The boat is sinking! Don't you care?" Jesus asked, "Why are you so afraid? Don't

you have any faith at all?" Then Jesus told the storm to stop. Right away it was calm. The disciples were amazed. They said to each other, "Who is this man Jesus? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

### **Encouragement**

In the days of World War II there would have been many storms that people would have had to face. Uncertainty over jobs, some working harder than ever, strain on medical teams and keyworkers, school closures, money worries, access to food more of a challenge, loss of homes, illness and tragedy. Peace would have been a hope for many. The storm of lockdown is throwing similar challenges, I wonder how much we hope for peace in our lives right now. The disciples were in a storm, one that caused them many worries, and yet they forgot that Jesus The Peacemaker was right there in the midst of the storm with them.

Whatever storms you face this week, may you know God's peace right there with you in a very special way.

### **Prayer**

Father God

We thank you for your gift of peace.

A gift that helps us in the storms of our lives.

Be with us through these difficult times and show us your love and goodness in the "Quiet, Be Still" moments.

In Jesus name

Amen

### **Worship Song**

#### **Still**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3wwWFsSINQ>

If you need any craft supplies, food and toiletries, or just a phone chat over coffee, please call me on 07969959442.

Every blessing

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