

## Primary Years Encouragement – 21.04.2020

**So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your  
God**

**I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my  
righteous right hand.**

### Isaiah 41:10

Hello everyone

How are you all on this beautiful morning? What have you been up to this past week? I know some of you spent some time making thank you pictures for the NHS and key workers to put in your windows. You are amazing.... I am sure you are making a lot of people smile as they walk by.

I have been doing all kinds of things this week ..... I have started to paint some fence panels, clear out the shed, weed the garden and mow the lawn.... I'll be glad to get back to POD for a rest😊!!!!

Mark and Lisa have been very busy too. They have made a video for this weeks' encouragement, which I have attached. They have set us all a challenge! The idea is for us all to do a similar video with our children, then send them back to me and we will get them all put on one video together. Wouldn't that be awesome?

With us now in day 29 of lockdown, I find myself asking people what have you been up to? But actually, wouldn't it be nice to ask people what are you "looking forward to" when the coronavirus settles down.

So this weeks' encouragement is all about "Going Forward" .....

### Activity For Sunday's Service

#### "On The Wheel"

Make a circle out of an old piece of card or cereal box. Using a ruler divide your circle into triangles and in each triangle write or draw something you are looking forward to doing or seeing when the coronavirus settles down.



## Game

### A Minute To Win It

For this game, you will need two bowls, a teaspoon and some smarties.

The idea is to fill one bowl up with smarties and then with a teaspoon in your mouth and your hands behind your back, you have a minute to get as many smarties from that bowl to the empty one. The winner is the one who gets the most amount of smarties from the full bowl to the empty bowl. .... Simple ?....

Enjoy 😊

### The David Banks-Broome Challenge

Challenge No. 4

#### Story

#### Jeremiah (In The Old Testament)

Jeremiah came from a religious family who all loved God very much. When Jeremiah was quite young God called him to do a very important job. Jeremiah thought he was too young to do this job for God, but God had made plans for Jeremiah, even when he was in his mothers' womb. God could see that Jeremiah was a courageous young man who had a great love for his people. Jeremiah's job was to tell God's people that they were not being that great and

slipping backwards into bad habits which hurt God very much. Jeremiah tried so hard to get God's people to listen to him and go forwards to a better life. A lot of people did not like what Jeremiah had to say and even had him thrown in prison, but that was not going to stop Jeremiah telling people about God and how He wanted his people to live a better life. God still wants that from his people today, because He is a God of love. By following Jesus and the way Jesus lived his life here on earth, it will help us to go forwards and trust God in the good times, but also in the difficult times too!

## **Encouragement**

What do you think about when you hear the word 'wheel'? I thought of a bicycle wheel, a bus wheel, a train wheel, a car wheel and an aeroplane wheel. Wheels are round, aren't they? and designed to go forwards and backwards. How difficult is it to go backwards on your bike? It is really difficult isn't it? It takes me ages to go backwards on my bike, I'm so bad at it I often bump into something. Going backwards is not always a good thing to do! Going forwards on my bike is so much better. It's easier to go forwards, often exciting because you are going somewhere new and fresh and it's a lot quicker! I may go over an occasional bump, have to face a steep hill or stop to fix a puncture, but staying focused on going forwards is so much better. Having things to look forward to when the coronavirus settles down is a wonderful thing to think about, because the coronavirus will settle down, we just have to do our part now by staying home, protecting our NHS and saving lives. Being in the situation that we are in now, is at times not going to be easy, but spending time with God will help us going forwards when we face bumps, steep hills and punctures, because he doesn't want us going backwards, he wants us to go forwards to something new and fresh.

## **Prayer**

God in heaven

Hear my prayer

Keep me in thy loving care.

Be my guide in all I do.

Bless all those who love me too.

In Jesus name, Amen

## **Worship Song**

### **Breaking Through (Bethel Kids)**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFtTDYUua\\_0&list=PL\\_CuhzrVm2PG9heEwehcFr6CE3Jk26bF5](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFtTDYUua_0&list=PL_CuhzrVm2PG9heEwehcFr6CE3Jk26bF5)

Don't forget to send me your toilet roll challenge videos. It would be great to see you.

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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