Primary Years Encouragement – 23.06.2020

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,

so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13

Hello CYM

How are you all on this beautiful day?

Lots has happened since I wrote to you last. I have been on holiday for a week and Boris has announced some more restrictions to be lifted from the 4th of July. What joy has filled my heart.......

This past week my husband and I had some time off work and went out for days in West Sussex. We had a wonderful time exploring new places and even found a few cafes offering takeaways. To be able to have fish and chips on the beach was a real joy!

I am sure that many of you are starting to venture out a little bit more now to explore the beautiful countryside around us. Maybe send Ian or myself some pictures of things that have brought you joy during lockdown which we could share on a Sunday morning.

So this weeks encouragement is based on the theme of 'joy'.

Activity

Craft

Enjoy colouring in this beautiful scripture of Romans 15 v 13

Crossword

Have a go at the Wedding In Canaan crossword.

Game

Enjoy a summer walk to have a picnic or buy an ice-cream and play a game of ispy.

Story

Wedding In Canaan – Jesus' First Miracle (New Testament – John 2:1-11)

Jesus went to a wedding with his mother Mary and his disciples. Mary heard the servants say, "There is no more wine. What can we do?" Mary told the servants, "Do what Jesus tells you to do." Jesus said, "Fill up six jars with water. Then take a cup of water from the jars and give it to your master." When they did this, they saw wine instead of water! The servants were amazed. When their master tasted the wine, he said to the groom, "You have saved the very best wine for last!" The disciples were also amazed. This was Jesus' first miracle.

Encouragement

Who doesn't love going to a wedding? I love weddings. They bring me so much joy. I would imagine that Jesus was so joyful at his friends' wedding! You may be asking how can we be joyful in such difficult times. Well God teaches us in his Bible that even through trials and suffering we can experience joy. In good times and difficult times, God is at work because He loves us and He wants the best for us. We have to trust that even in this pandemic He is at work doing miracles across the world changing lives. He has certainly changed mine!

Prayer

Father God

Thank you for the gift of joy.

During this time of lockdown we have been blessed with so many things that have given us joy.

Your birdsong, your sunshine and moonlight, your stars, the sea, your flowers, your butterflies, the list is endless.

As we begin to venture out more, may we continue to look out for your joyful blessings in each new day.

In Jesus name

Amen

Worship Song

Give Me Joy In My Heart

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vg2Ik3Hwczc

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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