

The background features a light beige color with decorative elements. In the top left and bottom right corners, there are stylized leafy branches. In the top right and bottom left corners, there are circular motifs with a wavy, brushstroke-like border and several small dots of varying sizes scattered inside. The main text is centered in a large, elegant cursive font.

Collective Worship

Monday 21st October 2024



Welcome Words

We have gathered together to worship God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and learn more about Jesus, the light of the
world.

Today we are thinking about the value- **JOY**.



Bible text

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” John 8.12



Candles



Why have you chosen
that candle?



Candles



Notice how the flame on each of the candles is the same. They have all been lit from the white candle at the centre, which represents the light of Christ. We shall call it the 'Jesus candle.'



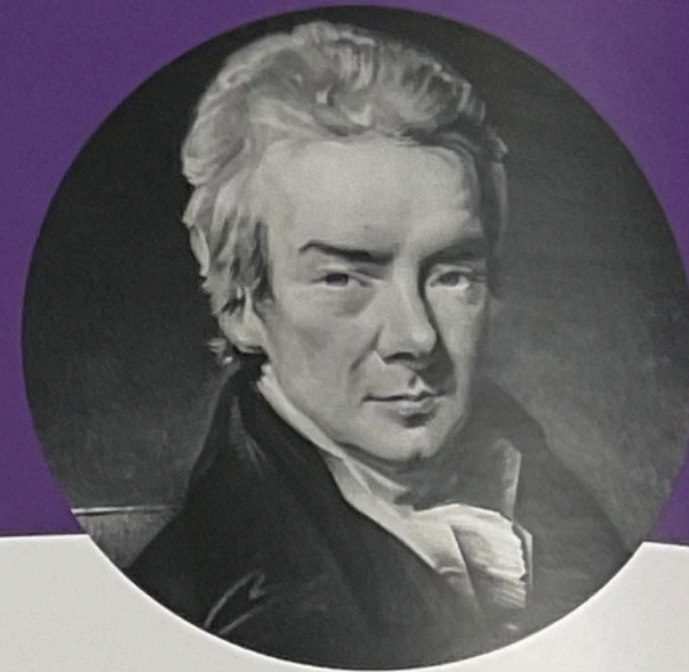
Fruitful Lives

In his life on earth Jesus brought light and joy to many people who felt that their lives were dark and without hope. Jesus told his friends to follow his example of service to others, and down the ages people have been doing that. We are going to hear about William Wilberforce

WILLIAM WILBERFORCE

1759–1833

How many of the following Christian values – **wisdom, dignity, community, hope, joy** and **peace** – can you recognise in the way William Wilberforce lived his life?

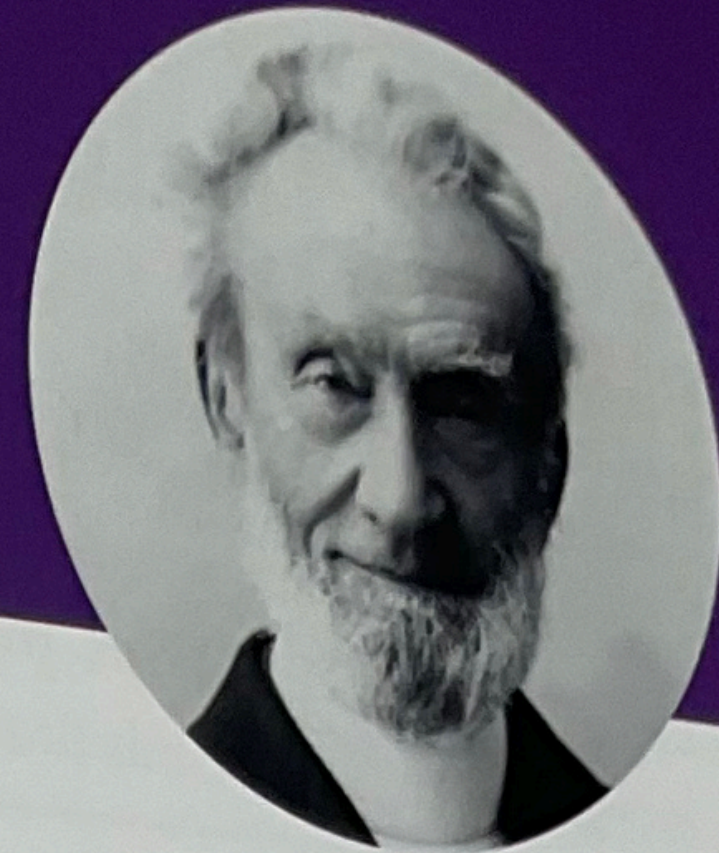


When he was a young boy, William Wilberforce had to go to live with his Aunt and Uncle because his father died. One day they took him to meet a man called John Newton, who had been the captain of a slave ship. William thought this must have been a really adventurous life but John told him that it was not the exciting way to live he imagined it to be. John told William how ashamed he had become of what he had done, capturing people and taking them from their homes in Africa to be sold as slaves. He said that he had asked God to forgive him for all the things he had done wrong and that he had become a Christian. He now believed that all human beings were loved by God. William was amazed by John's story and never forgot his words.

GEORGE MÜLLER

1805–1898

How many of the following Christian values – **wisdom, dignity, community, hope, joy** and **peace** – can you recognise in the way George Muller lived his life?

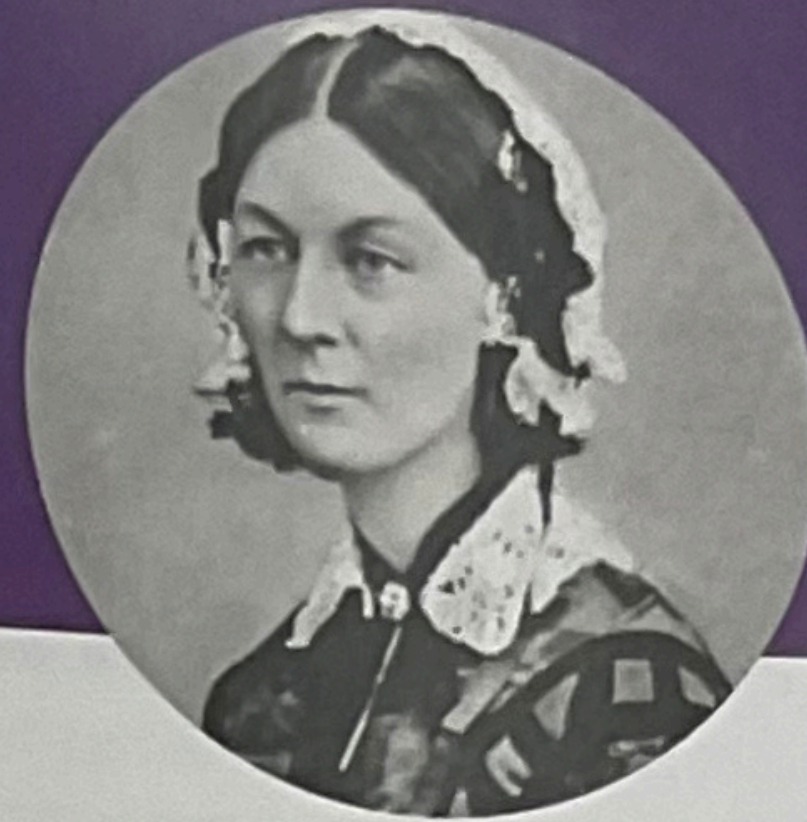


George Müller was not a man to be trusted. He lied, he cheated, he stole money and was sent to prison for 5 weeks because he didn't pay his bills. However, one day in 1826, everything changed for George when he became a Christian. He knew immediately that God wanted him to live differently. He stopped drinking, gambling and stealing and decided he wanted to spend his life telling people about God's love. From that day on, he never borrowed or asked anyone for money again. Instead he trusted that God would hear his prayers and give him the things he needed. God never let him down.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

1820–1910

How many of the following Christian values – **wisdom, dignity, community, hope, joy** and **peace** – can you recognise in the way Florence Nightingale lived her life?



The work of an amazing woman called Florence Nightingale, who lived 200 years ago, was to change the way nurses were trained and hospitals were run for ever.


Florence believed God had given her important work to do. When she decided she wanted to become a nurse her father did all he could to persuade her to change her mind. He expected her to get married, have children and look after her home, like other women from rich families. Florence's father knew that hospitals were filthy places where people were more likely to die than get better. However, he had to give in. He knew that Florence was determined and she would find a way to follow her dream despite his protests.



Reflecting

Shine as lights in the world

Look at the candles lighting up the space around us. I wonder which candle you would have chosen. Focus for a moment on the candle.



Responding

One candle flame shining alone can bring light to a dark place, but many candles shining together can make an even bigger difference.

The light can spread much further. It is like a beacon that can be seen from miles away!

In our prayer let's ask God that our school becomes a beacon of light and joy in our community.



Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ

This is our school, let your light shine here.

Let the rooms be full of joy.

Let love be all around—

love for one another; love for all people; and love
for you.

Let us remember that, as many hands build a house,
so many hearts build a school.

Amen.



Go in Peace



Class Worship

PRAYER ACTIVITY

Glow Stick Prayers



- **Equipment**

Glow Sticks

- **Set up**

Be able to make the room dark enough to see a little glow stick or a darker corner/tent.

If making a solo prayer activity in tent, make sure there is a lamp or torch to read the instructions.

Instructions

Halloween can be a bit scary, the shops are full of creatures and costumes that are designed to be creepy, scary and dark.

But light always chases away darkness. You can't hide light in a dark room!

Jesus said in John 8 v 12 "I am the light of the world".

Take an unlit glow stick, hold it in your hand, think about something you don't want to be scared of anymore.

When you're ready think about that bible verse, I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, and crack the glow stick so it shines bright.

Keep the glow stick to remind you that Jesus is the light of world, with him there is only light not dark.