

Summer Term 1

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Gospel Value: Friendship

This half term the pupils will be learning about the Gospel value of **friendship**. Definition: **friendship** is a special bond with someone you know, like, and trust, who makes you feel happy and supported

Famous Christian

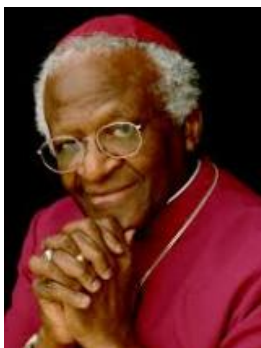
Archbishop Desmond Tutu

(1935 – 2021)

Archbishop Desmond Tutu was a famous South African bishop and human rights activist.

He became the first black African to hold important positions in the church. He won the 1984 Nobel Peace prize for his work against apartheid.

Archbishop Tutu's approach to friendship was rooted in 'Ubuntu', the belief that "I am, because we are", emphasising empathy, shared humanity and joy. He enjoyed a prominent friendship with the Dalai Lama, despite their different faiths, and together they worked to promote global compassion and joy.



You can find out a little more about Archbishop Tutu's life by visiting the following website:

https://kids.kiddle.co/Desmond_Tutu

John 15: 12-14

In the Bible, there are many times when friendship is mentioned and Jesus is represented as the ultimate model of friendship.

In the following passage from the Gospel according to John, Jesus is talking to his disciples and He tells them something very important: He wants them to love each other the same way that He loves them. Jesus also explains that when we listen to Him and follow His teachings, we are His friends.

John 15: 12-14 *"This is my commandment: that you love one another as I have loved you. No one shows greater love than when he lays down his life for his friends."*

A Child's Prayer of Friendship

Dear God,
Thank you for the gift of friendship and for being my friend. Help me to listen to your voice so that you may guide me to be a good friend to others. Help me to show kindness, compassion and understanding towards my friends.
Amen

