

'Let all that you do be done in Love'

Lighting of the Candles

Peace of the Lord be with you



And also with you

Welcome Words

We light three candles in the name of:

God the Father whose promises are true,

God the Son who trusted his Father's promises and

God the Holy Spirit who gives us faith to trust God today.



Trust



My God is my
strength in whom I
trust

Psalm 18:2

And he is with you
wherever you are.

(Al Qur'an 57:4)



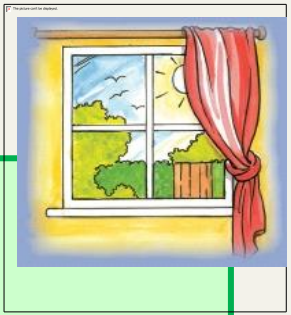
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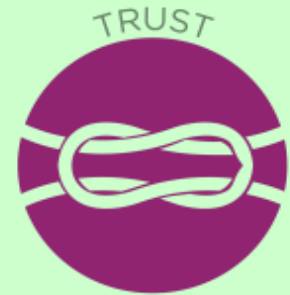
Taking someone at their word

Relying on someone to support you

Unbreakable promises

Showing that you can be trustworthy

Treasuring good friends





What does it mean to be trustworthy?

Are you someone who can be trusted?



In the Bible there is a book of wise sayings called Proverbs. Here is one of them.

'No-one who gossips can be trusted with a secret, but you can put confidence in someone who is trustworthy'

Proverbs 11.13

Let everything
you say be
good and
helpful, so
that your words
will be an
encouragement
to those who
hear them.

Ephesians 4:29 NLT

WORDS



**ONE
KIND
WORD**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



How do we decide what is news and what is gossip?

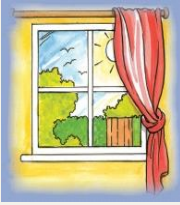


Is it true?
Is it kind?
Is it helpful?
Is it anything
to do with me?



What else does the Bible say about gossip?

Colossians 4 verse 6 – ‘Choose your words carefully.’



Matthew 12 verse 34 – ‘For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.’

James Chapter 3 – ‘It takes only a spark to start a forest fire! The tongue is like a spark. Creatures can be tamed. But our tongues can get out of control.’

Reflecting



Being trustworthy can be difficult. It's always tempting to pass on gossip, especially when we think others will want to hear it.



We need to remember it only takes a spark to start a forest flame.

Gossip is the same. It spreads quickly and is hurtful to people





Reflecting



Once spoken, gossip and hurtful words, like the squirty cream, spread quickly and cannot be taken back.

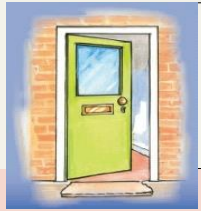
Let's stop and think for a moment about how we can try to be trustworthy



Prayer



1 tsp = 1 teaspoon
thank you - sorry - please



Gossip is like the squirty cream that quickly spreads out of control.

Dear God

You are always there to remind us of the right thing to do

Thank you God that we can trust in you

Gossip is news that has nothing to do with us. It spreads bad things about people.

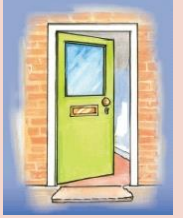
Sorry God for the times when we have spread gossip

Help us not to spread gossip so we can be trustworthy and people don't get hurt

Please God help us not to spread gossip

Amen.

Individual Prayers



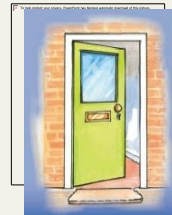
Dear God

.....In Jesus name. Amen



Challenge and Response

Prayers



TRUSTWORTHY

We have thought about how powerful our words are and how hurtful they can be when we gossip.

Could you use your kind and thoughtful words to create a prayer to remind us to talk to God, who we can always **trust**?

To say **Thank you** that we can always **trust** in him

To say **Sorry** if we have made wrong choices

To say **Please** when we ask for his help



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thank you - **sorry** - **please**

Blowing out the Candles

Peace of the Lord be with you



And also with you

**May the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ** *(hold out hands to receive)*

And the love of God *(cross arms on chest)*

**And the fellowship of the Holy
Spirit** *(hold hands with neighbours)*

Be with us all, evermore. Amen
(raise hands in the air together)