

Our school
Christian value this
half term is
TRUTHFULNESS

‘I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life’ – Jesus Christ

Truthful people will:

- **Understand themselves**, and know their own strengths and weaknesses;
- **Present themselves in a way that shows who they really are.** Their reputation will be founded on what they are and, whether in public or private, they will be the same;
- **Meet any commitments or promises that they make;**
- **Be accurate in their descriptions of themselves or others**, so that they do not mislead others.

As a family talk about truthfulness together:

‘I promise to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God.’

In a court of law a witness swears an oath on the Bible or another sacred text, but sometimes in everyday life people find it more difficult to be truthful.

Talk together about occasions when complete honesty could cause trouble or be hurtful. For example:

- When a member of your family asks you if you like their new shoes.
- When telling the truth will get your friend into trouble.
- When someone asks what you are thinking but the answer would hurt their feelings.

We want to hear real life examples of **Truthfulness** from you and your children. Please fill in the slip below if you have a good example and would like to share it with us at Surrey Hills. Slips can be handed back to your child’s class teacher.

Child’s Name	
Class Teacher	
Brief description of how someone in your family has shown Truthfulness (please include details of who was involved):	

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What the Bible teaches us

The Bible teaches us that you and I need protection in the game of life. The Bible calls it the armour of God and it tells us that we need the armour of God to protect us from evil and wrong doing. What kind of protection does the Bible say that we need?

The belt of truth - The Bible tells us that sin and evil can never win if we will hold on to the truth that Jesus Christ is Lord.

The breastplate of righteousness – evil can never harm us when we choose to do what God says is right.

Feet fitted with the gospel of peace – there is so much to worry and confuse us in our lives, but knowing Jesus brings peace.

The shield of faith - doubt can never take root if we have faith in Jesus.

The helmet of salvation - Jesus came from heaven to earth to save us from evil.

The sword of the Spirit - the Bible, God's Holy Word, it is a powerful weapon against evil.

Belts of Truth Craft

You will need: two sheets of paper or card, scissors and colouring pens or pencils.

1. Start by folding each piece of construction paper in half, long side to long side. (Hot dog style.) Unfold and cut along the crease. You now have four long pieces.
2. Cut one short side of each piece into a point. Do this by cutting away each corner and having your cuts meet in the middle.
3. Along the other end, the flat side, make two holes a couple of inches apart. (For younger children, do these steps first, so they can just focus on the important parts, thinking about the Truth.)
4. Now write a Biblical truth that matters to you on each piece. Add a picture if desired. (For example, "God loves me no matter what." Draw a heart.)
5. String all four pieces onto a long length of yarn. Cut the yarn and tie the belt around your waist. You now have a Belt of Truth!

