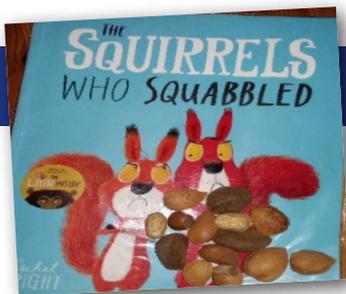


Theme: Sharing



Matthew 6:19

'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...'

Theme exploration:

We all know that being greedy isn't good, and it's good to see how Cyril and Bruce sorted out their greed problem. Being greedy can be shown in all sorts of ways, like wanting the whole bag of sweets or the biggest piece of cake or not sharing your toys.

There is a parable told by Jesus which can be found in the Bible in Luke 12:13-21. You could watch a re-telling of the story here:

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXU6AU4dUrg>

Parables are stories Jesus told to try and explain something to us. Christians believe that Jesus was trying to tell us that the things of this life won't last for ever, a bit like a bag of sweets, but things in heaven will last for ever. Things you can take to heaven are things like being loving, kind, caring and generous. I wonder if there will also be sweets to share!

'The Squirrels who squabbled' by Rachel Bright is a humorous, rhyming story. Two greedy squirrels Cyril and Bruce, both have their sights on the last pine-nut. The race is on!

Biblical Reference:

Luke 12:15

*'Then he (Jesus) said to them,
"Watch out! Be on your guard
against all kinds of greed;
life does not consist in an
abundance of possessions.'*

Next month's book is:

'On Angel Wings' by Michael Morpurgo

Inspiration ...

If you do not have this book, you could borrow it from the library or watch a re-telling of the story on YouTube.

 <https://youtu.be/8q3GFXricMo>

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Things for you to try this month:

- Make a cake or biscuits and share them with a neighbour or friend?
- Put something into the foodbank collection box when you go shopping.
- Have a sort out of the things you no longer need and offer them to charity or to someone who might need them, such as a refugee charity or a Freecycle organisation.
- Take a walk as a family to appreciate this wonderful world and talk about how God shares the world with us.
- Share your toys as you play with your family and friends.



We believe in the power of prayer

A prayer for you to pray for your child:

Creator God, thank You for sharing the world and Jesus with us. Help my child/ren, to grow up with a generous heart. Amen.

A prayer we pray for you as parents:

Dear Lord God help these parents to appreciate everything that You have shared with them and show them ways where they can model sharing to their children. Amen.