

Theme: Treat others as you would like to be treated

Book: **What the Ladybird heard** by Julia Donaldson

Reflection on last week's faith in action, with the families.

What was last week's action?

How did that make you feel?

Why did that make a difference?

Inspiration ...

Biblical Reference:

Colossians 4:6

'Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God.'


• SNACK TIME

Tomatoes or Strawberries in half – look a little like ladybirds


• SONGS

Use musical instruments
See ladybird song sheet. You could print the ladybirds and stick them on lollipop sticks to hold up for the children to see.

Additional resources:

A re-telling of the story on Youtube
 <https://youtu.be/abKadke35cs>

Ladybird song sheet • Ladybird spot matching playdough sheet

 **Faith in action:** How many times can you stop yourself from saying, thinking or doing something you shouldn't – parents too!

Theme Introduction:

In this story we see a little ladybird who doesn't feel the need to speak all the time and isn't chatty like her friends. At the most important moment, however, the ladybird speaks up to help save her friend.

The Bible tells us that speech and action are very important. We have a responsibility to those around us to use our words with kindness and wisdom: to treat others how we want them to treat us. The Bible also tells us we also have a responsibility to use our voice and our actions to stand up against the wrongs in our world when we see it is needed. This could seem to be a heavy burden but as Christians we know that God will help us. God goes with us every day as we encourage one another to use our influence to make the world a better place.

Theme exploration:

Our speech and actions are very important. God wants us to be kind and helpful. I wonder if you say, think or do things that later you wished you hadn't? I wonder if we can try to only say and do kind and thoughtful things that are helpful to others.

Free play suggestion:

Link to theme:

- Set up a home role play area with dolls, pushchairs etc to encourage caring for others.

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- Toy telephones.

I wonder who you are talking to on the phone.



Craft ideas:

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- Red ovals with lines to look like ladybird, cotton buds and black paint for children to add eyes and spots.
- Ladybird spot matching sheet using playdough.

I wonder what the spots mean on a ladybird.



Prayer time

Jesus, thank you for trusting us with the precious gift of these children. We pray that you will give these children the spirit of boldness, courage and love so that they can be beacons of light in the world. Amen