

Our Christian Family Value for

October is ...

Faith



Celtic Prayer of Faith

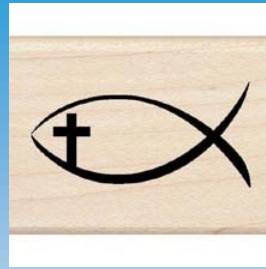
I arise today
Through a mighty strength:
God's power to guide me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's eyes to watch over me;
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to give me speech,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to shelter me,
God's host to secure me.

Brigid of Gael, (c.451-525)



Presentation of Holding Crosses

September 2105



“Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Family Values activities:

In our entrance we are creating a display that follows on from our first Collective Worship this month. We shared the story of when Jesus calmed the storm. We all face stormy times in life and have to have faith that, with God's love, we have the ability to get through them. Attached to your sheet is an outline of a fish for you to decorate brightly. On the fish can you write when you have overcome a difficult time? You can then pin your fish into the net on the fishing boat display.

Alternatively, if you would prefer to write a prayer inspired by the story you can place your prayer in the boat. Best wishes, Miss Finney.

All Family Values contributions earn 10 House Points for your house.

From the Bible: Jesus Calms the Storm

After Jesus had spent a full day teaching on the shores of the Sea of Galilee he said to his disciples, "Let us go to the other side." So they left the crowd and got into a boat to cross over. After awhile there arose a great and mighty storm on the sea. The storm was so great that the boat was being covered with the waves washing over it and began filling up with water. While the storm was rocking the boat Jesus was fast asleep on a cushion in the stern. The disciples came and woke him up and said, "Save us Lord; we are going to die! Do you not care that we are perishing?" He said to them, "Why are you afraid, Do you still have no faith?" Then Jesus got up and rebuked the winds and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm. The men were amazed and said, "What kind of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

Matthew 8:23-27

Mark 4:35-41

Luke 8:22-25

We are building on our thinking from last month our hopes are transformed into faith in action...

Hebrews 11: Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

“Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.”

Saint Augustine