

Children's Newsletter

St Mary's

Trinity
Sunday

John 16:16-18

In today's gospel John tells us that Jesus came into the world not to condemn us but so that we may be saved. He loved us so much.

Sometimes it is difficult to understand what Jesus is trying to tell us and like the apostles we have many questions we would like answered. If you met Jesus what would you like to ask Him?

Why not write Him a letter?

Moses

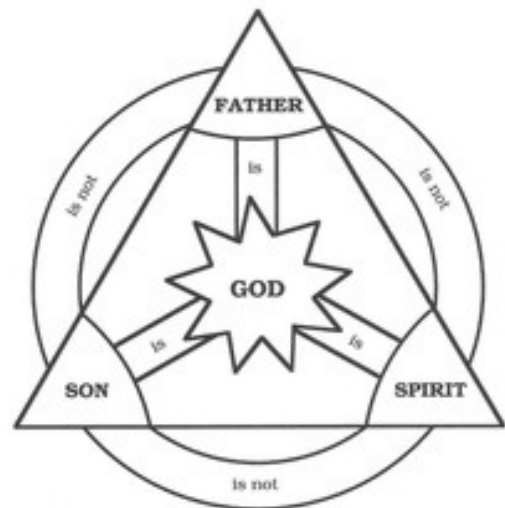
The first reading talks about Moses renewing the ten commandments.

Moses had brought down the tablets of stone but found the Israelites behaving badly. In his anger he broke the tablets.

Then he returned to God with two tablets to have the laws rewritten.

These laws are just as important to us today. They are rules on how we should live. When King Alfred was King of Wessex he used these ten commandments to make the laws of England.

You can see a statue of King Alfred in Winchester.



Ruth— Superhero

Ruth was born in Moab, a country just across the Dead Sea from where the Jews lived. Her husband died and she decided to go back to Israel with her mother-in-law, Naomi, who had also lost her husband.

It was a brave thing to do – leaving the place of your birth – going to a place where the customs and people would be very different to what you had grown up with. But Ruth had seen something special in Naomi – her belief and trust in God. She did not want to lose this opportunity to find out more about Naomi’s faith, so went back with her to Israel.

Back in Israel, these two women were very poor and struggled to feed themselves. Ruth got some food by harvesting at the edges of fields after the farmers had cleared the main ground. One of the



Ruth gleaned in the fields and won the heart of Boaz. Her son was the grandfather of King David.

farmers, Boaz, was really kind and invited Ruth to come back to his fields whenever she wanted. He even told his helpers to drop extra bits of grain on purpose, so she could collect as much as she needed.

Boaz was very impressed with Ruth. No doubt he liked the look of her, but he also really respected the way she had cared for Naomi; making sure that she was looked after in her old age. He was so attracted to her that he married her! He also made sure that Naomi had a good home as well.

Ruth’s love for God and her affection for Naomi had led her to risk everything she had known growing up. God honoured this, and provided her with a husband and then a son, Obed. Years later Obed also had a son, Jesse, who was the father of the most famous king Israel ever had – King David! Even more exciting, over 1,000 years later, Jesus was born in Bethlehem from the same family!

Friends

Being a good friend takes a long time. A good friend is one you can trust, one who is loyal, which means you keep your promises when you make one, even if you don’t want to. Sometimes we can make a mistake and hurt our friends or they can hurt us but we don’t want to be without them, really.

God gives us friends when we need them and we should treat them like a gift from God. We should also remember that to have a good friend, we also need to be a good friend. If we promise to do something then we should keep that promise and we should try not to hurt our friends.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Boaz arranges to marry Ruth
Can you spot 10 differences between the pictures?

