

Children's Section

Tom's Piece

The story I'd like you to read is about Jesus being born. It's my favourite one. I like it so much because I like that Jesus was born. It's in my bible story book but you'll need to find it in your own because yours will be different. I think you should read it and draw a picture about it. I did that.

Alan's Piece

Hello Alan here. Here is a bible passage:

"Suddenly a noise came from heaven. It sounded like a strong wind blowing.

This noise filled the whole house where they were sitting in." -Acts 2 v 2

This noise was the Holy Spirit and tell us that He is with us always. I'll leave you to think about that.

Alan and Tom's Word-search Activity:

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Weekly Lenten Reflections



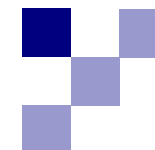
Journey To The Cross:

What Are You Taking Up?

Week 1: God Among Us

Lenten Reflections

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There will be a new booklet each week to help you prepare for Easter. Different people in the church will be contributing their thoughts and reflections.



Bible Reading:

Matthew 19: 16-22

Reflection:

It's not just about the money! What lies at the heart of the Christian faith is surely the astonishing claim that God walked among humankind. That he did so in the person of the man Jesus. And what Jesus confronts us with is the call to 'follow me'. For the young man in the Gospel that following would have meant a total change of life. But the presence of God among us always means change. In one of his books Richard Foster points out how people readily seek someone else to approach God for them so that 'we do not need to go to God ourselves. Such an approach saves us from the need to change, for to be in the presence of God is to change.' On the whole I don't want to change! I'd be delighted to 'be changed', to wake up in the morning with all the tarnishes and shortcomings sorted out. But when God walked among us he called us to 'follow me', and to change through the long, sometimes joyful, but often confusing or difficult or even painful path. But the promise is great. It is that the God who walked among us still calls us to walk with him, to know him and be known by him, for he is not far from us, but very near.

What I'm taking up?

I've resolved to spend more time this year reading the Bible. Obvious really, and we've not talking hours each day! Nor has it proven easy, when confronted with the passages rarely discussed or preached on. But for me this has meant not just confronting the questions of what our faith means, but of being confronted by it, not just 'what I think' about what I read, but how it reads me.

- Robert Armstrong