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I am discovering God's precious gift of life and reflect on how this reveals God's love for me.



We experience the love of God when we pray.

How can you show the love of God to your class mates, family and friends?

Core learning:

I recognise that God wants to communicate his love to me and that I can share this love with everyone I meet each day.

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In your prayer today,
ask God to help
you forgive us our
trespasses as
we forgive those
who trespass
against us.

Pray the Our Father.



Core learning:

I know that God's love and forgiveness can heal me when I make choices that are selfish or lack love.

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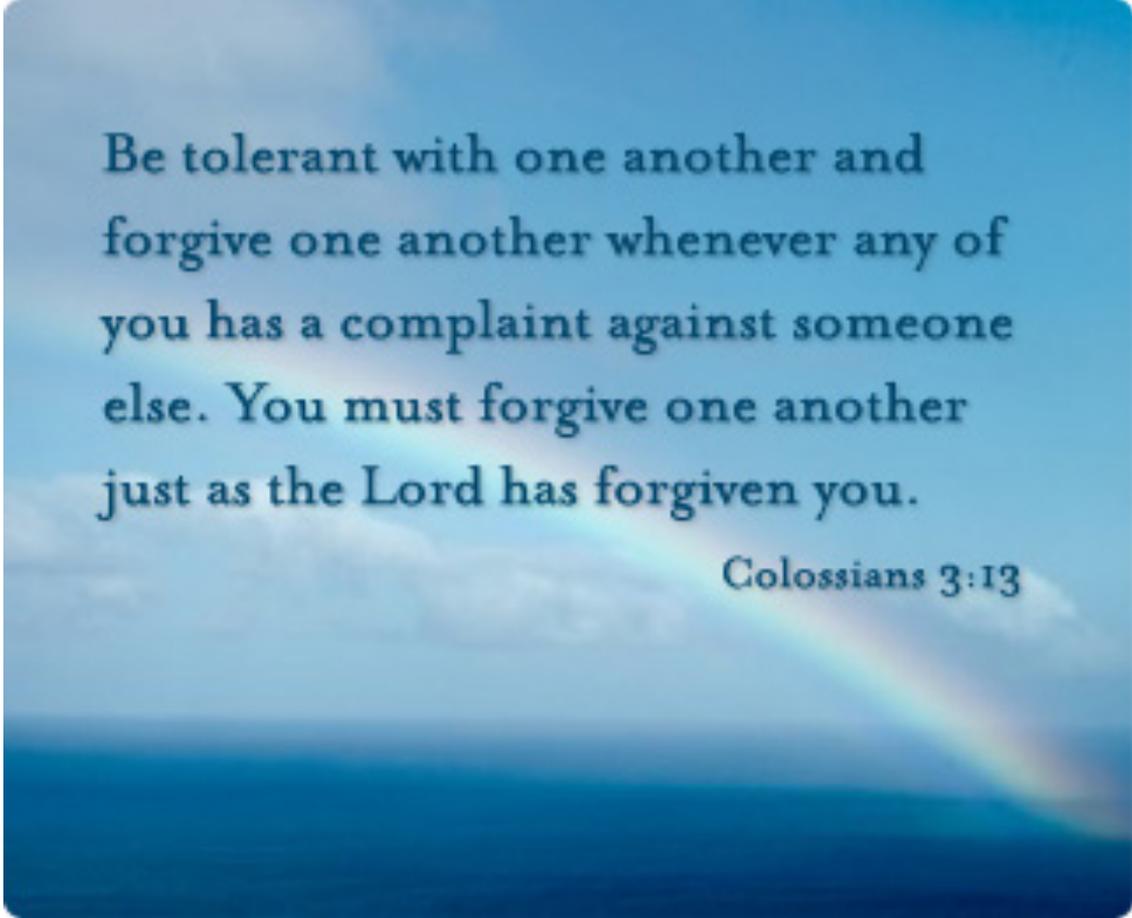


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I have been given some opportunities to reflect prayerfully on the way in which God has communicated with me, through other people, through Creation and through the wonder of my being.

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Be tolerant with one another and
forgive one another whenever any of
you has a complaint against someone
else. You must forgive one another
just as the Lord has forgiven you.

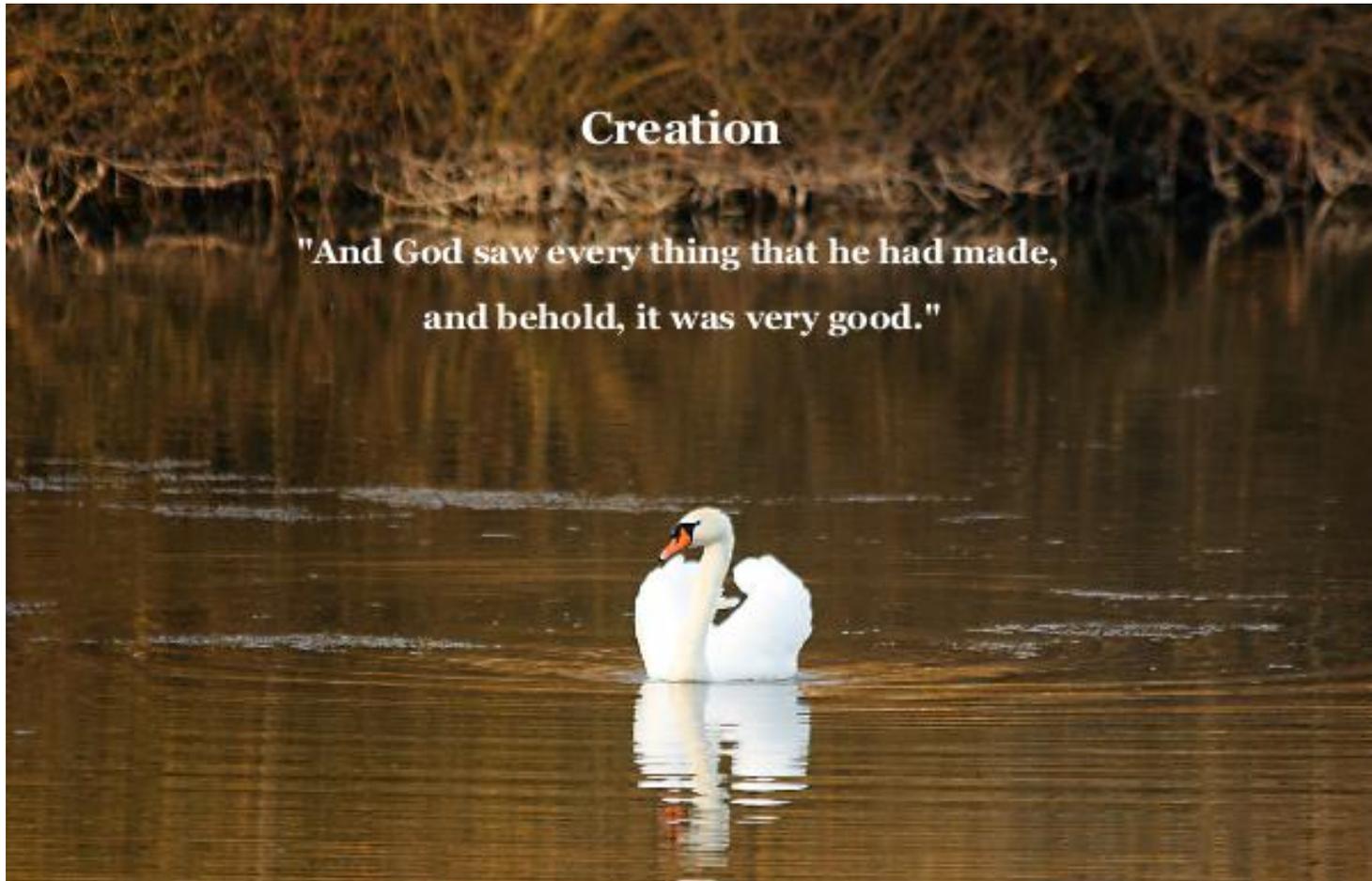
Colossians 3:13

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Core learning:

I can explore the parable of the Loving Father and the Two Sons (Luke 15: 11-32), and I can recognise that God communicates his healing love and forgiveness, when people make selfish choices or show a lack of love in what they say or do.

The Loving Father and the Two Sons

Then Jesus said,
‘There was a man who had two sons.
The younger of them said to his father,
“Father, give me the share of
the property that will belong to me.”
So he divided his property between them.
A few days later the younger son gathered
all he had and travelled to a distant country,
and there he squandered
his property in dissolute living.
When he had spent everything,
a severe famine took place
throughout that country,
and he began to be in need.



So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.

The Loving Father and the Two Sons

So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him,

'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'



Luke 15:11-32(cont' d)

The Loving Father and the Two Sons

So he set off and went to his father.

But while he was still far off,
his father saw him and was filled with compassion;
he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

Then the son said to him,
“Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;
I am no longer worthy to be called your son.”

But the father said to his slaves,
“Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him;
put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.
And get the fattest calf and kill it,
and let us eat and celebrate;
for this son of mine was dead and is alive again;
he was lost and is found!”

And they began to celebrate.



Luke 15:11-32(cont' d)

The Loving Father and the Two Sons

'Now his elder son was in the field;
and when he came
and approached the house,
he heard music and dancing.

He called one of the slaves
and asked what was going on.

He replied, "Your brother has come,
and your father has killed the fattened calf,
because he has got him back
safe and sound."

Then he became angry
and refused to go in.



What do you think the older son is saying?

The Loving Father and the Two Sons

His father came out
and began to plead with him.
But he answered his father,

“Listen! For all these years
I have been working like a slave for you,
and I have never disobeyed your command;
yet you have never given me even a young goat
so that I might celebrate with my friends.



Do you think that the older brother had a change of heart?

The Loving Father and the Two Sons

But when this son of yours came back,
who has devoured your property wasting money,
yet you killed the fattened calf for him!”

Then the father said to him,
“Son, you are always with me,
and all that is mine is yours.

But we had to celebrate and rejoice,
because this brother of yours was dead
and has come to life;
he was lost
and has been found.” ’





**Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.**

Be Fisher

Pray the Our Father, slowly with your class, remembering that he is kind and forgiving like the loving father in the parable Jesus told.



God helps people in difficult times.



Joseph and Mary are betrothed, or engaged.

Matthew 1:18-25

Joseph's dream

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah
took place in this way.

When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph,
but before they lived together,
she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man
and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace,
planned to dismiss her quietly.

But just when he had resolved to do this,
an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream
and said, 'Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife,
for the child conceived in her
is from the Holy Spirit.'



The angel appears to Joseph in a dream and tells him not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife.



Just as Joseph was guided to make right choices, so you can pray to your guardian angel to help you make right choices.

Joseph's dream

She will bear a son,
and you are to name him Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.'

All this took place to fulfil
what had been spoken
by the Lord through the prophet:
'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel',
which means, 'God is with us.'

When Joseph awoke from sleep,
he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him;
he took her as his wife,
but had no marital relations
with her until she had borne a son;
and he named him Jesus.



Jesus is born: Son of God and Son of Mary

The Flight into Egypt

Now after they had left,
an angel of the Lord appeared
to Joseph in a dream and said,
'Get up, take the child and his mother,
and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you;
for Herod is about to search for the child,
to destroy him.'

Then Joseph got up,
took the child and his mother by night,
and went to Egypt,
and remained there until the death of Herod.
This was to fulfil what had been spoken
by the Lord through the prophet,
'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

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Core learning:

I know that God helped Joseph in difficult times when God's angel spoke to him in a dream and helped him make good choices: eg.,

Joseph's dream - Matthew 1: 18-25; the flight into Egypt - Matthew 2: 13-15.



THE
FLIGHT
INTO
EGYPT

The Holy Family,
Jesus , Mary and Joseph,
fled into Egypt to escape King Herod.

Pray today for all refugees
who have to flee their
Country for safety.

Entrust them in your prayers
to the Holy family.

If you see refugees on the news
- look for the helpers, the people
who offer shelter, kindness,
medicine and food.