

Year 5

Family and Community

BIG QUESTION: How can we build up the Kingdom of God on earth?

No man is an island.



Community—we are all connected and responsible for each other. Human beings are created as social beings, in relationship with one another and for the good and wellbeing not just of themselves, but of all people. As Christians we are constantly challenged to put others first, to go the extra mile. Christianity teaches that because we are all created in the image and likeness of our creator then by this very fact, we are created to love unconditionally.

“No Man is an Island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main...” John Donne

Read the whole poem slowly and think about what it means for you. **Task: prepare a dramatic presentation of the poem, using drama, ICT, poetry of your own and link your thoughts to contemporary issues in the UK today.**

Key Vocabulary

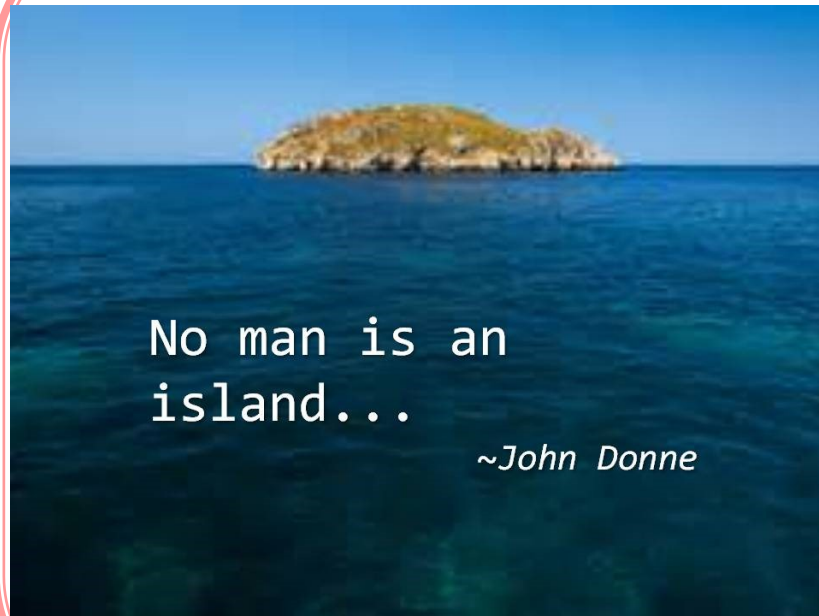
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BIG QUESTION: What can I do to Build up the Kingdom of God?

Identify the greatest barriers to building up the Kingdom of God in your area. Draw up a list. Think about the challenges facing your community:

GREED

SELFISHNESS

ABUSE OF POWER

PREJUDICE

POVERTY

Identify the builders of the Kingdom of God. Can you think of people in your family, school, local community who really try hard to make your area a better place to live and help all the community? Who are they? What questions would you like to ask them?

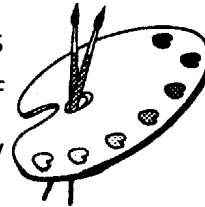
Task: Make thank you cards for them with messages of encouragement inside.

Research the two Bible characters John the Baptist and Isaiah. What do you think they were like? Write a script about Isaiah and John the Baptist that you can act out as a 'Two Person Play' telling everyone what you were born to do.

Isaiah



Art Task: There are many paintings which also show the theme of The Kingdom of God. See how many you can find.



Reading Task: Can you find any stories about The Kingdom of God?

Creative Writing Task: Compose your own poem, song or rap on the theme of building up the Kingdom of God.



St John the Baptist

