

On Wednesday 4 November, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and Bishop of London called the Church of England to pray for the nation throughout the month of November.



PRAYER FOR  
THE NATION

*At St Michael's Church School, we would like  
to support our community to pray with the  
nation.*



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*Here is a selection of 'Time to think' ideas  
which promote religious, spiritual and mental  
wellbeing.*



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*We use these as a stimulus to open our  
Collective Worship as a school.*



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Everyday at 6p.m the Church of England invites you to join the nation in prayer.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/c-all-prayer-nation> For more prayers.



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If you feel you would like a moment to reflect or think without God, then please use these ideas or phone a friend and talk for 10 minutes.



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Time to Think:

Where is Heaven?

Christians and Muslims believe in that when you die you have an eternal life in Heaven with God if you have followed the correct path.

But where do you think Heaven is?

Is it around us on Earth?

Is it in the sky?

Is it in space?

Do you go up to Heaven with angels?

Is there a stairway?

What do you think?

## Time to Think:

True or false... Music is what feelings sound like.

How does music make you react or behave?

How does music make you feel?

Does it make you think of any colours?

How does music make you move?

Does the music create a story in your mind?

How does music make you see patterns?

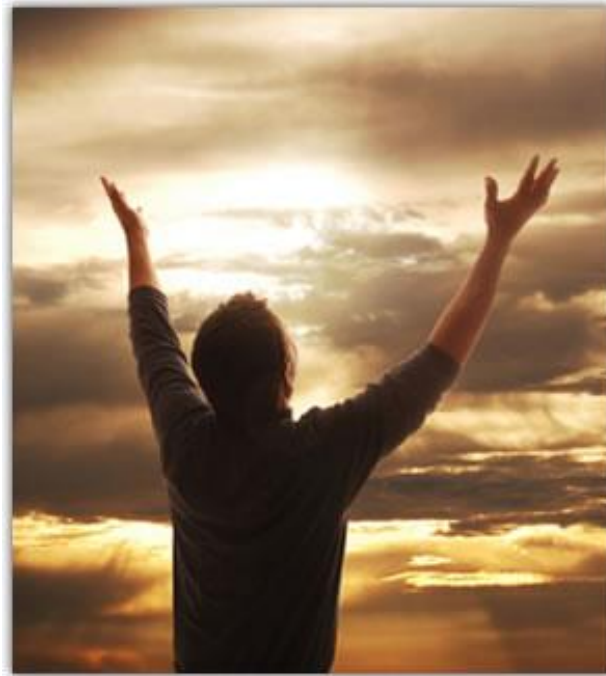
*Time to Think:*

*If you could choose one rule for the entire world to follow, what would it be and why?*



*Time to Think:*

*Who invented who?*



*Did God create humans to look after His world?*

*Or*

*Did humans invent God as a way to answer questions that couldn't be answered?*

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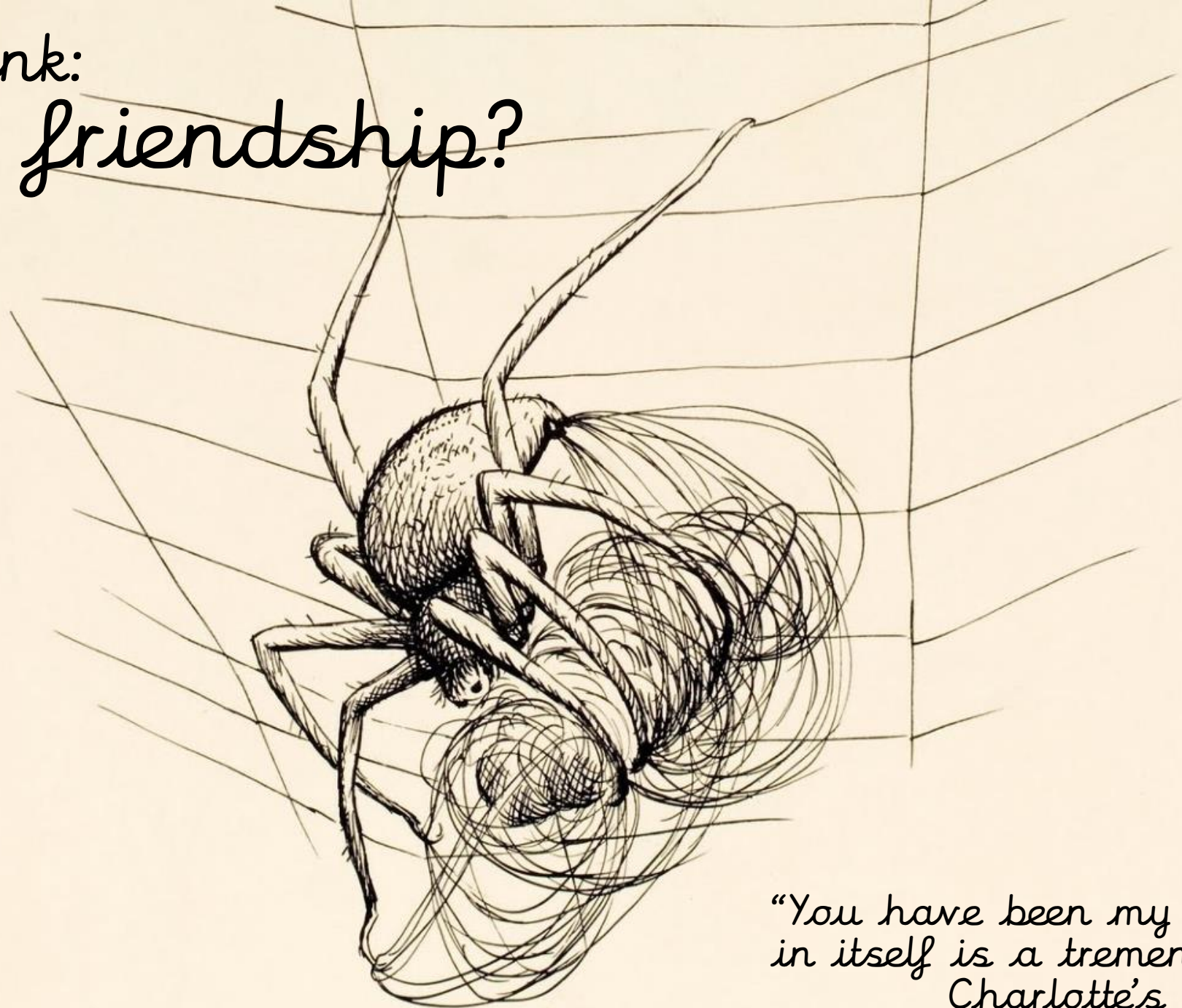
What is the greatest gift you can give to someone?



Write 3 things that you think are the greatest gifts.  
After you have done this, watch the video link and  
think if your gifts need to change:

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Time to Think:  
What is friendship?



"You have been my friend. That  
in itself is a tremendous thing"  
Charlotte's Web

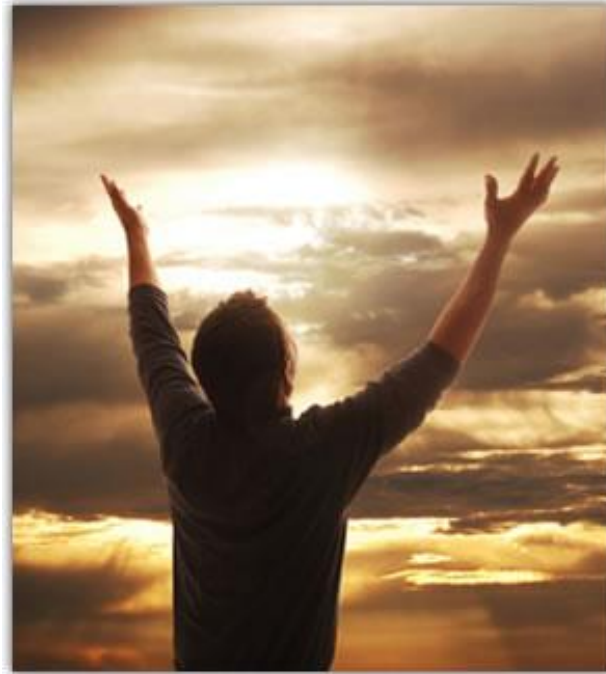
Time to Think:  
*Is everything connected?*



Watch this clip  
“Everything you see lives in a delicate balance. When we die we become the grass and the antelope eat the grass and we eat the antelope so you see we are all connected”

*Time to Think:*

*What are the true wonders of God's world?*



*Christians believe God created the world and everything on it.*

*What do you think would be God's greatest achievement?*

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Time to Think:

If there is anything you take with you take this.

Always work hard.

Always be the best you can be.

Let your light shine.

Be bold, be brave and be strong.

Every day is a new day.

Remember to say thank you and please.

Be grateful for what you have.

Love.

The greatest gift to anyone: YOU

## Time to Think:

Do we have to be sad at times to know when we are happy?



There are times when we feel sad. There are times when we feel happy. But do we need to know the two extremes in order to know when we are feeling either?

## Time to Think:

*Has everything been here forever or did it begin to exist?*

*Christians would argue that God created the world. In the Bible, in Genesis, it says in the beginning there was nothing and the Earth was formless and empty. But over 6 days God created what we live on today alongside everything next to us.*

*Scientists would argue there is a point of singularity, a point when there was nothing and then something. They cannot explain how it happened. This is cosmology.*

*Humanists believe we were not created but we have naturally evolved over time and we will continue to evolve.*

*What do you think? Who do you agree with the most? Why?*

Time to Think:

## What are miracles? Do they happen?

In the Bible, in the Old Testament, there are stories which some people would say were miracles, such as Abraham and Sarah having baby Isaac in their elderly age.

In the New Testament, in the Gospels, there are many stories of Jesus making miracles happen, for example Jesus healed the sick, raised the dead, cured people dying from illnesses.

Some people still believe miracles happen today. Some people believe that prayer can be a powerful tool in assisting miracles to happen.

But what do you think? Do they happen? Is it just good luck?

Time to Think:

*What does it mean to be truly healthy?*

*Is it about what we eat?*

*Is it about how fit our body is?*

*Is it about our minds?*

*Is it about the way we approach life?*

*Is it about how many friends we have around us?*

*Is it about how many sweets or chocolates we do or do not  
eat?*

Time to Think:

Can kindness change the world?

Is there a reward for being kind in this world or are we rewarded when we die?

“No act of kindness however small is wasted” Aesop

Time to Think:

Why am I here?



The Bible teaches Christians that we are here to be stewards of the world, to look after God's world and fill it with people. Why do you think we are here? What is our purpose?

*Time to Think:*

*Dr Seuss said this:*

*“Don’t cry because it is  
over, smile because it  
happened”*

*What do you think about this?*

**THE GREAT GIBBY CRISSEL**

# Time to Think:

What makes you, you?

Did you know ... No two people have been found to have the same fingerprints! They are totally unique.



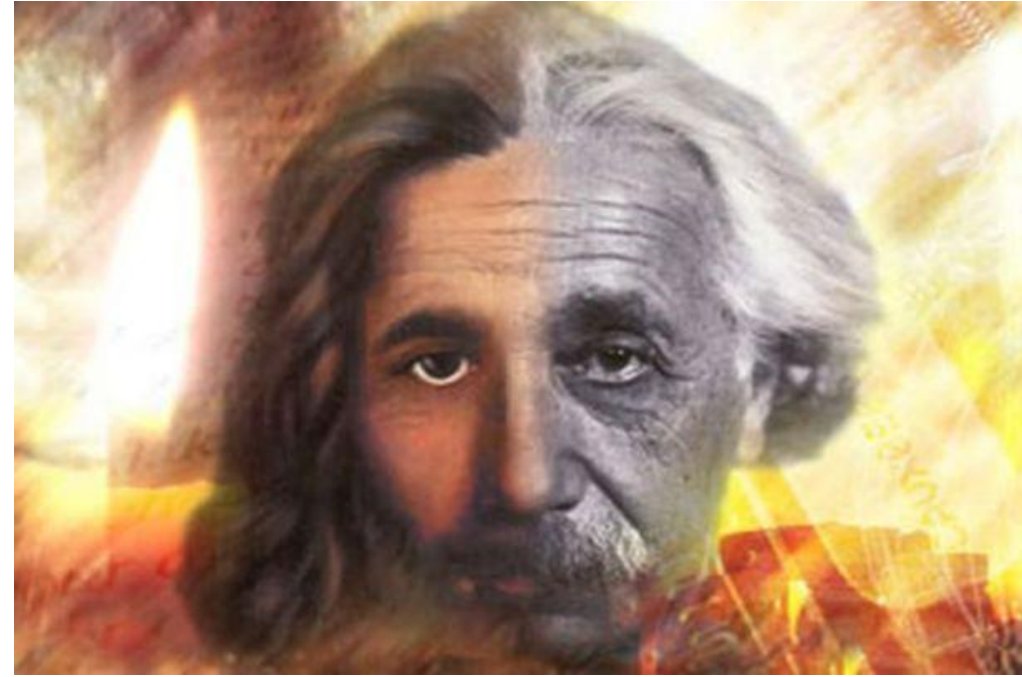
Do you think this shows God's power? Is it evidence that the Bible holds some truth about God?

The Bible says God made each and every one of us unique but what makes you special? What makes you unique? Draw a fingerprint shape and section it into pieces. Write single words about yourself in each section. Think about your work as a fingerprint of me.

## Time to Think:

Does religion and science provide us with answers or open more questions?

- 1) Does God exist?
- 2) Who made the world?
- 3) Am I unique?
- 4) What happens when you die?
- 5) What is love?



*Time to Think:*

*What makes you happy?*

*What makes you smile?*

*What makes you happy to wake up every morning?*



Time to Think:

What makes someone a hero or heroine?

Is it having super powers?

If so, do super powers really exist?

Is it saving a life?

If so, they do exist - nurses, doctors, fire people, ambulance staff all save lives so are they heroes.

Is it keeping people safe?

If so, they do exist - the police keep us safe and sound.

Is it educating people?

If so, they do exist - teachers, TAs, nursery workers all work to teach children how to become educated adults.

*Time to Think:*

*What is the perfect gift to give someone?*



*What would you give someone for their birthday?*

*What would you give someone for Christmas?*

*What would you give someone for their anniversary?*

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As God has given us everything we need, why there is poverty and hunger in the world?

## Time to Think:

Hindus believe in 'Reincarnation'. This means when you die you are reborn again and if you are kind, well behaved and respectful in this life, you will be reborn as someone better next time. But if you have not been a loving, kind person then you will be reborn as something worse next time.

What do you think about that?

Isn't it just good to be kind? Do you need a reward or something to drive you to be a better person? Shouldn't you want to be a kind, compassionate person because it is the right thing to do?

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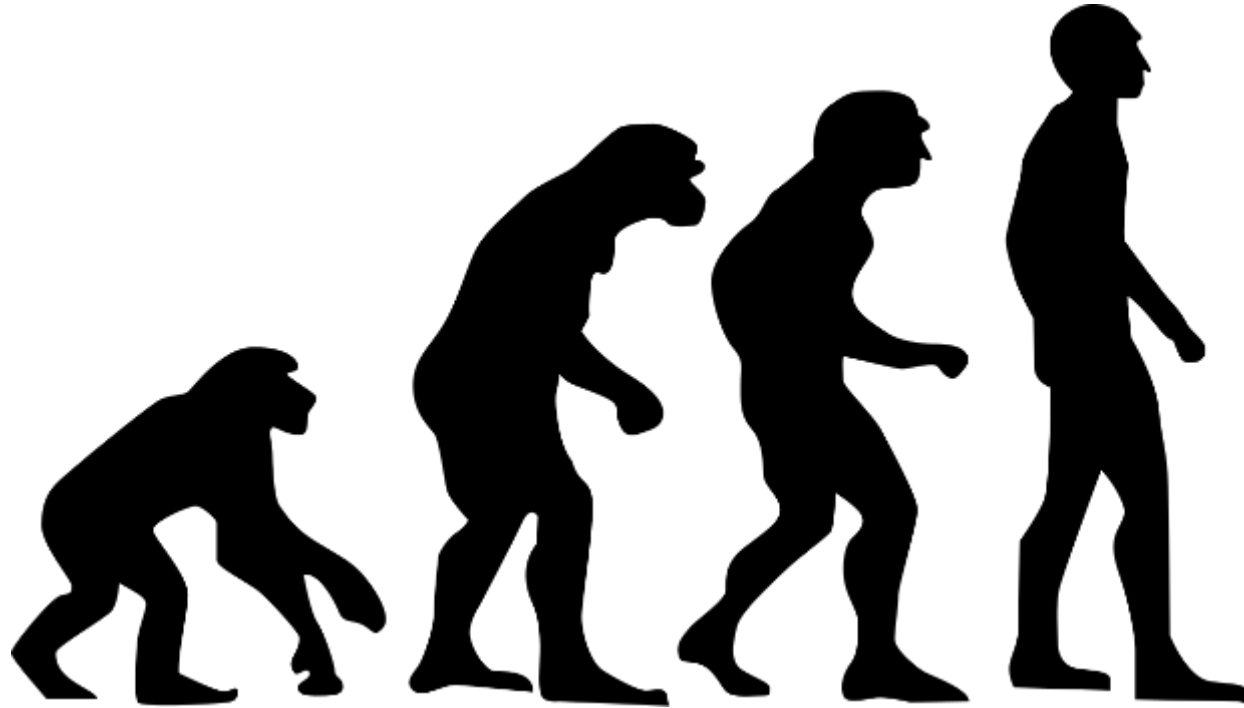
Can kindness change the world?



This weekend I challenge you to complete 5 acts of kindness. Write down how it makes you feel. Do you think if we are kinder, the world would be a better place to be?

*Time to Think:*

*What makes us human?*



*What separates us from the animal kingdom? Is it our appearance? Is it our behaviour and actions? Is it the way we form relationships? Are we meant to rule over the animals in the sea, air and land?*

## Time to Think:

Lord, through all the generations you have been our home! You were there before the mountains were made. You were there before the earth was formed. You are God without beginning or end  
(Psalm 90:1-2)

No one created God. He has always existed and depends on no one to sustain His life.  
God has no beginning, middle or end.

How do you feel about that?  
Does everything need a creator?  
If no one created God, how could he create us?



*Time to think:*

*What does 'peace' mean?*

*Where can you feel peace?*

*Where can you see peace?*

*What actions show peace?*

Time to Think:

Fill the earth and look after it, have rule over the fish in the sea, the birds of the air and every living thing that moves on the earth.

Genesis 1:28

This means human beings have stewardship over God's creation and should care for everything in it, including all animal life which is valuable and to be respected. God has given humans the right to use animals for their survival but they are expected to do so humanely and sustainably. With this power and privilege comes the responsibility to exercise it with care.

How do we follow God's plan?

# Time to Think

But if you only  
have love for  
your own race,  
Then you only  
leave space to  
discriminate,  
And to  
discriminate only  
generates hate,  
And when you  
hate then you're  
bound to get  
irate.



Father, Father,  
Father help us  
Send some  
guidance from  
above,  
'Cause people  
got me, got me  
questioning,  
Where is the  
love? (Love)

Time to Think:

*A stitch in time, saves a stitch in nine.*

What a strange saying! What does it mean?

Our Prime Minister used this proverb in a recent speech about the spread of COVID.

It basically means if we act now, it will save time and others. If we wear masks when needed, wash our hands regularly and stay home if we are poorly (as individuals) then it will help save numerous others by our actions of kindness. Think about it.



*Time to Think:  
What is a family?*



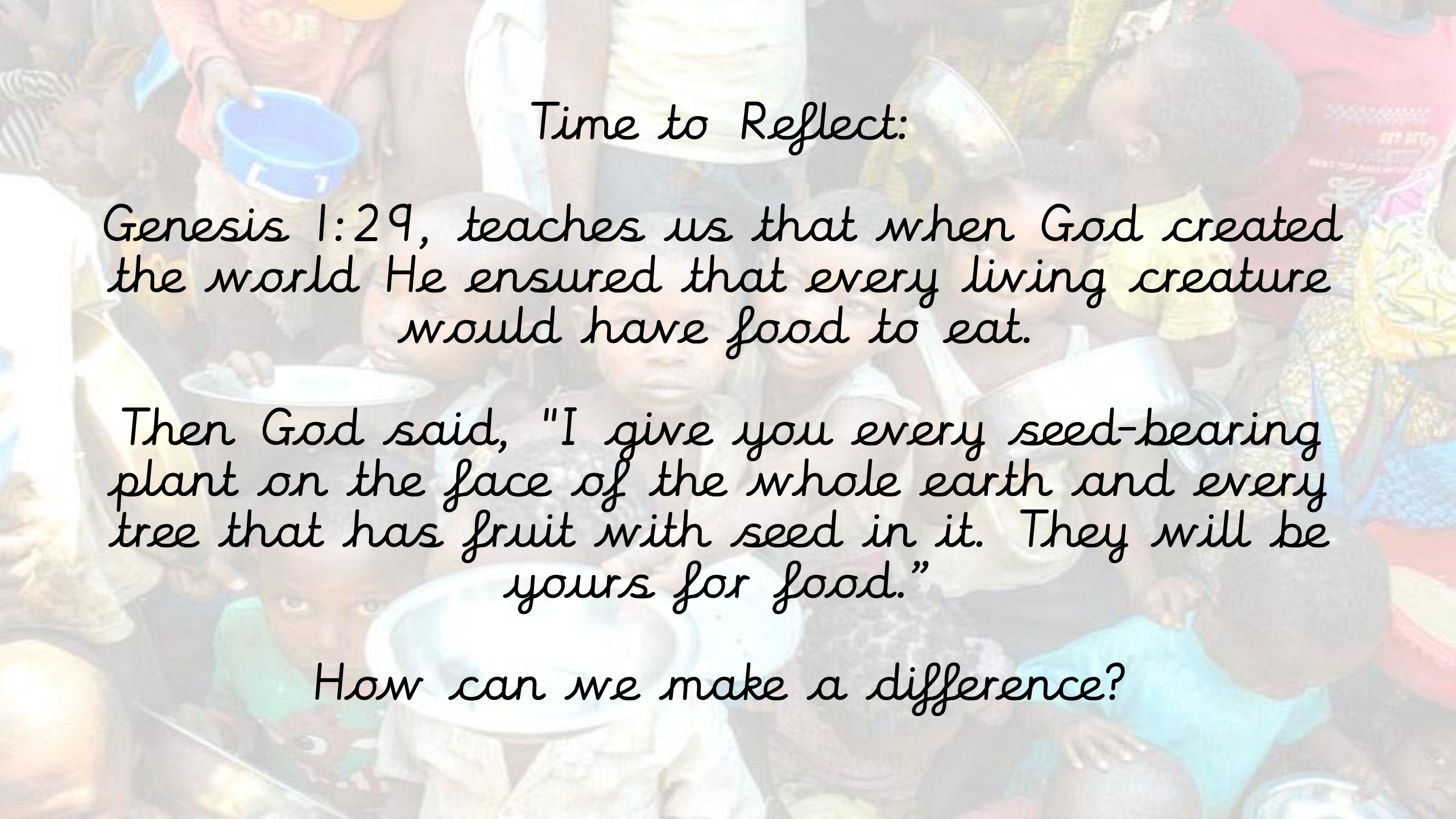


*Time to Think:*

*Why do people pray?*

*Do you need to pray to a God?*

*What should you say?*

A group of children are sitting around a table, eating a meal. They are holding plates and bowls. The scene is brightly lit, and the children appear to be of various ethnicities. The text is overlaid on the image.

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How can we make a difference?

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## Time to Think:

There's a new child at school in your class. They hardly talk and look at the ground a lot.

Some children in your class laugh at him and they expect you to laugh with them.

You know they need a friend and you are a great friend to have. But you are worried if you become his friend, the other children might not be your friend anymore.

What would you do?

*Time to Think:*

GIVE A MAN A FISH AND YOU  
FEED HIM FOR A DAY, TEACH A  
MAN TO FISH AND YOU FEED  
HIM FOR A LIFETIME.

Lao Tzu



Time to Think: What does Jesus mean?

At that point Peter got up the nerve to ask, "Master, how many times do I forgive a brother or sister who hurts me? Seven?"

Jesus replied, "Seven! Hardly. Try seventy times seven.

Matthew 18: 21-22

## Time to Think:

Imagine it is your birthday next week.

You have absolutely everything you have ever asked for or needed.

Do you think it would be a good idea to:

- 1) Look through a toy magazine until you find something, it is YOUR birthday after all
- 2) Give some of your old toys to charity
- 3) Ask for food donations to give to a local food bank rather than presents.

## Time to Think:

What is Heaven like?

Heaven shimmered like a precious gem, light-filled, pulsing light. She had a wall majestic and high with twelve gates. At each gate stood an Angel, and on the gates were inscribed the names of the Twelve Tribes of the sons of Israel: three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, three gates on the west. The wall was set on twelve foundations, the names of the Twelve Apostles of the Lamb inscribed on them.

Revelation, 21:12-14

## Time to Think:

How do you feel when you cannot understand something?

How do you feel when you cannot understand someone?

How would you feel leaving your home and moving to somewhere you have never been?

How would you feel about starting your life again?



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