



## There is Room for You and Me

The big question for this week was: 'Why does God want all people to come together?'

As part of the work every child in class drew, painted, collaged their own portrait to show that although we are all different, there is room for us all in God's story – loved by God from the start. As is everyone else.



**Why does God want all people to come together?**

*'Because they will then get along and there'll be no more war.'* Britney



*'God wants people to come together because if they don't, people will be arguing and fighting all the time and saying unkind words.'* Robin

*'He wants all people to come together because he wants all people to forgive and be kind. He wants them to not hurt each other.'* Sienna



## Individual Liberty

### Autumn Term 2023

*Christians believe that every individual is a unique and valued creation, made in the 'image of God', [Genesis 1:27]. Moreover God loves every person he has made, has a plan and purpose for them and wants a relationship with each one. Everyone is included, special and loved.*

*[Isaiah 43:1 and Jeremiah 29:11]*

At St Michael's, we are proud of all of our pupils and recognise that each is unique; through collaboration and celebration of our differences, we are able to achieve wonderful things and the pupils are encouraged to demonstrate their many wonderful talents without fear or compromise. Many aspects of the Personal, Social, Health and Economy curriculum cover these matters. Alongside this, Diversity is celebrated through whole school themes such as 'There is Room'. All children engage in activities which enable them to consider similarities and differences between them and others.



During the Autumn Term 2023, the whole school project 'There is room for me, you, us, all' gave an opportunity for us to celebrate our similarities and differences, using the Methodist Church Christmas 2022 resource 'There is Room.'

In the Christmas Story there is room for you, me, us, all! Christians believe that God became a human being in Jesus. But Jesus wasn't born in a palace, in comfortable surroundings. Mary and Joseph, his human parents, had to travel to Bethlehem for a census. When they got there, there was no guest room for them. Instead, they had to find room among the animals. Jesus' crib was a manger – the animals' feeding trough. In Jesus, God found room in the world in a place of humility and poverty. When Jesus was born, God sent angels to visit humble shepherds keeping watch over their sheep in a cold, dark field. God wrote a message in the stars that was read and understood by wise men in a faraway land where people worshipped other gods. People working hard for a low wage and people who weren't religious insiders were the first to hear the good news: baby Jesus was God's Son and he was born for all people, including them and including you and me.



**How can we help eradicate poverty in our world?**

*'We could donate to a food bank and whoever we see is homeless.'* Robin

*'You could donate to charity and help the poor ... "Here have £1000—I won the lottery."'* Arwen

*'Reduce waste, raise awareness.'* Spiritual Council

**Why did God entrust God's son to a young person with little life experience?**

*'To show that no matter what or who you are, you're all equal and God treats everybody equally.'* James

*'To show everyone is important in his Kingdom, no matter their age.'* Arwen

*'Because God welcomes people of all ages.'* Spiritual Council

