

Introduction to Module 1

Inspired by Christ

The name of this module is the same as the overall worship resource, “Inspired by Christ”. This is taken from the vision statement for St. James School. The purpose of the module is to introduce the idea of school values and to explain these in a way that is distinctively Christian, drawing on seven core values. Over the course of the three year cycle these values are each explored in more depth, mostly with a full module, but in this seven week module there are three units on each of the seven values.

Where possible the module draws on the example and teaching of Jesus but in several modules other Bible passages are used instead. Jesus constantly drew on the Old Testament Scriptures in His own teaching and said that they “testify concerning” Him. We will likewise draw on the Old Testament in this module and through the “Inspired by Christ” material.

When first produced the seven core values were Compassion, Forgiveness, Hope, Perseverance, Thankfulness, Trust and Truth. However, subsequently it was decided to include the value of Service and a new Module was produced for that. As the introductory module was designed to cover a seven week term there are now too many units in this module but they have all been retained as other schools will have different values. Several of these could be presented using other names such as “endurance” or “patience” instead of perseverance and “faith” instead of “trust”.

Five of the core values can be related easily to some of the “seven words” or sayings of Jesus on the cross. The Foundation section each of these five units has a similar design with a cross shape incorporating all the sayings. In class follow-up these could be considered together and perhaps alongside the other two sayings. The traditional understanding of the order of the sayings was “Father forgive...”, “...today you will be with me...” and “woman behold your son” between about 9am and noon and “why have you forsaken me”, “I thirst”, “It is finished” and “...into your hands...” between noon and about 3pm.