

This term we will be focussing in school on the value **COMMUNITY**. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER ABOUT COMMUNITY...

There are many different kinds of **community** and most of us are part of several. We may belong to a school, a church, a club or a village or town. Belonging to a **community** means that we are not just an individual, separate from everyone else, but we are in relationship with others.

- Which **communities** do you belong to?
- Why is it important to you that you belong to them?
- How would life be different if you did not belong?



READ TOGETHER...

Jesus feeds 5000 people

Everyone loved to see and listen to Jesus. So everywhere Jesus went, many people followed.

One day a very big crowd gathered to see Jesus –more than five thousand people! There were men, women and children everywhere: sitting on the grass, standing under the trees, all trying to catch a glimpse of Jesus and hear what he had to say. Later when he had finished teaching, Jesus went around meeting people. Everyone was having a great day and nobody wanted to go home.

But the disciples began to worry. "Jesus, you need to send these people away now," they said, "they are a long way from home and will soon be getting hungry and we don't have any food to give them."

"It's alright," Jesus said, "*You* can give them something to eat."

"How can we do that!" exclaimed his friends, "It would cost loads of money to feed all these people! One young boy has donated his lunch but 5 barley loaves of bread and 2 fish won't be nearly enough."

"Tell everyone to sit down ready for a picnic," said Jesus. Then he prayed to God "Thank you for this food," he said, before he gave the bread and fish to his friends to share among the crowd. They looked at each other mystified, knowing that the bread and fish would soon run out. But they began to hand out the food...and more food...and more food, until at last they realised that everyone was happily eating. "Where did all that bread and fish come from?" they wondered. "How did so little food manage to feed so many people?"

Later, when the crowd had gone home, Jesus' friends went round with baskets to pick up the leftovers. What an amazing day it had been. They had seen Jesus teach people, help people, and somehow turn 5 loaves and 2 fish into enough food for a feast that no one could ever forget!



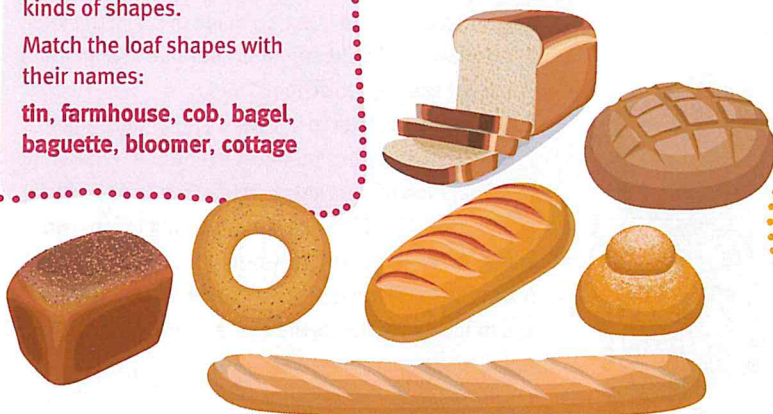
QUIZ

The bread we eat

The 5 loaves that the boy in the Bible story gave to Jesus were made from barley. Most of the bread we eat is made from wheat, but bread can be made from a number of different grains and have all kinds of shapes.

Match the loaf shapes with their names:

tin, farmhouse, cob, bagel, baguette, bloomer, cottage



THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

'I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot;
Together we can do great things.'

Mother Teresa

Can you think of a task that can be done with others but not alone?