

Parent Newsletter

Living faith
within our families

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Sara's Super Saturday

On Sunday 31st May, we celebrated Pentecost – when the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is sometimes called a 'helper', and in the assembly for the w/c June 1st, children watched a video about a girl who received help. Here is a version of that story, called 'Sara's Super Saturday':

'It started when Grandad woke up from his morning nap. "Do you know what time it is, Sara?" he mumbled, still half asleep.

I said, "I don't know how to tell the time, I just get confused..."

Grandad woke up properly then, lifted me up, sat me on his lap and explained all about the big hand and the little hand and the tick tock second hand that goes round and round. It had never made sense

before, but Grandad was so kind and welcoming, he made it seem easy!

Grandad asked again, "Do you know what time it is, Sara?"

I looked at his watch, at the big hand and the little hand and said proudly, "It's 11 o'clock!"

"Or as I like to call it, biscuit time!" said Grandad.

Then later on, Mum was putting on her trainers to go out to walk the dog and I asked if I could come too. Mum said, "Of course, put your new trainers on then!"

I said, "Mum, I really like my new trainers, but the laces are all fiddly. I miss my old Velcro trainers. They were easy to put on."

So, Mum sat next to me on the doorstep. She'd been busy, but suddenly she was really calm and peaceful, and patiently showed me how to thread one lace over the other,

make a loop and pull it through!

Then later on I was outside when I fell off my bike and knocked into Ted, my older brother. "Owwwww! Sorry Ted, I didn't mean to bump you! I'm rubbish at riding my bike now Dad's taken the stabilisers off."

Ted can be grumpy sometimes, but he was really kind and picked me up off the floor. "You're not rubbish," he said, "it just takes practice! When I was your age, it took me ages to learn to ride my bike without stabilisers. Do you want me to help you?"

So, Ted held the back of my bike whilst I pedalled. It was really tricky keeping my balance, but Ted kept encouraging me to keep going, and never minded if I bumped into him or fell off! Eventually I managed to ride the whole driveway without falling off!

What a day! I'm going to remember it as 'Sara's Super Saturday'!

"Receive the Holy Spirit"

John 20:19-23

Sara couldn't tell the time, tie her shoelaces or ride her bike without stabilisers, but with help she learned how to be like others and do the things they do – just like the Holy Spirit helps us to be like Jesus and do the things He does!

Children learned that like the way Sara's family helped her, the Holy Spirit is welcoming, peaceful, forgiving, encouraging, loving and kind: whenever we demonstrate those qualities, we can be sure the Holy Spirit is working in us.

Prayer

Dear Holy Spirit,

*I welcome you into my heart.
Help me learn from you and
become more like Jesus.*

Amen