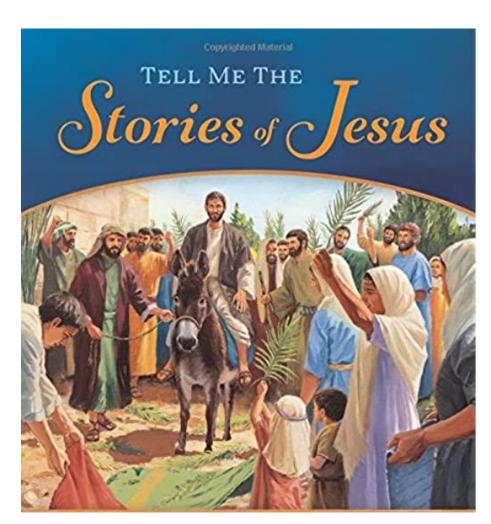
Minster Bethel Congregational Church MBCC

13th September – Church Parade

Welcome to today's thoughts. This still does not follow our Genesis theme as it is Church Parade. Genesis should return next week.

Stories



The Greatest Story of All

Then Jesus told them a story to teach them that they should keep on talking with God and not give up.

Luke 18 v 1

Hymn

Blessed be your name – http://www.YouTube.com/watch?v=Pv-w7LSD5fA&feature=enblogo

- Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; Things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here;
 - Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.
- First let me hear how the children stood round His knee,
 And I shall fancy His blessing resting on me;
 - Words full of kindness, deeds full of grace, All in the love light of Jesus' face.
- 3. Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea,
 - Tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee;

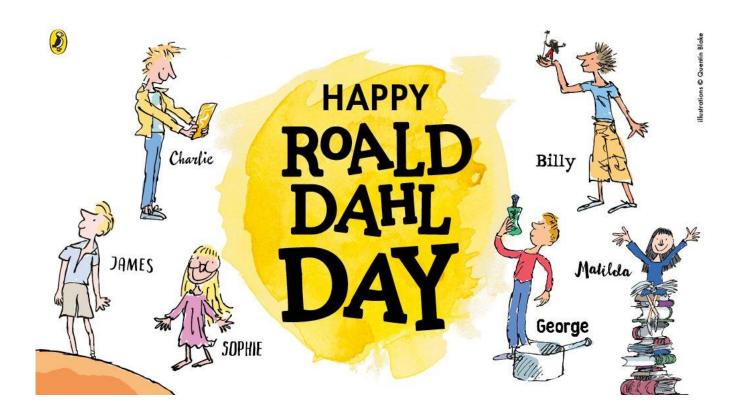
- And how the Maker, ready and kind, Chided the billows, and hushed the wind.
- Into the city I'd follow the children's band, Waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
 - One of His heralds, yes, I would sing Loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"
- 5. Show me that scene in the garden, of bitter pain;
 - Show me the cross where my Saviour for me was slain;
 - Sad ones or bright ones, so that they be Stories of Jesus—tell them to me.

Reading - Psalm 107: 1 - 2



His (God's) Story

Lynne Clifton shared with us that today is "Happy Roald Dahl Day".



So today we are thinking about stories.

- 1. What is your favourite story?
- 2. Why is it your favourite?
- 3. What would you change about it?

There is one book that has amazing stories, facts and lessons and that's the **BIBLE** telling us the story of Gods love for us all which lasts forever.

The bible is made up of 66 different books from Genesis which we are currently studying all the way to Revelations.

However we are going to tell the bible of the story through 5 colours:

Green, black, red, white & yellow.

Gods' Story

The first page is green – God created the Earth and all that was in it and it was good, it was beautiful it was how he wanted it. Green represents the beauty of Gods creation

The second page is black – people chose to use their free will to sin bringing black into the beautiful green world. Black represents all those bad things.

The third page is red – God sent his Son into the world who shed his blood for us to take away our sins.Red represents the love and blood given to us from God through his son Jesus.

The fourth page is white – Although humans sin is red as scarlet, in God sending his Son he restores us to as white as snow through His forgiveness.

The fifth page is yellow – Hope for the future, light and beauty of heaven in the presence of God.

God is always there, even as circumstances change, Gods love never does.

Gods love endures forever.

Let us Pray

Lord we thank you for your amazing story. We thank you for the fantastic creation and all you give us. We thank you for sending your son to shed his blood for our sins.

Lord we ask for your forgiveness for all our mistakes, we are sorry for the things we have done wrong and ask that you make our hearts as white as snow.

Please Lord help us feel the warmth of your love surrounding us in all we do and in all our hopes for the future.

Amen

Hymn – His Love endures forever https://youtu.be/PGTZq3uCPm0

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King His love endures forever For He is good, He is above all things His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm His love endures forever For the life that's been reborn His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise Sing praise, sing praise

Forever, God is faithful Forever, God is strong Forever, God is with us Forever From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever And by the grace of God, we will carry on His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise Sing praise, sing praise, yeah

Forever, God is faithful Forever, God is strong Forever, God is with us Forever, forever

Forever, God is faithful Forever, God is strong Forever, God is with us Forever

May God's blessing surround you each day As you trust Him and walk in His way; May His presence within Guard and keep you from sin. Go in peace, go in joy, go in love!

