

Theme – WONDER

Sunday 4th December 2016

Welcome - On Sunday we looked at the power of story. What do you think makes a good story? What are some of your favourite stories and why?

Word - On Sunday we kicked off the Christmas season and the theme 'WONDER'

- It's December and soon it will be Christmas! What emotions, words, thoughts come into your mind as you consider approaching another Christmas?
- In what ways do children exhibit awe and wonder?
- What are some of the things that cause us to lose our wonder?

Read The Christmas story together....Luke 2 v.1-21

- If story is one of the ways we can regain our sense of Wonder, what aspects of the Christmas story create wonder in you?
- In what ways can familiarity with this story cause us to lose our sense of wonder?
- The big idea Leon shared on Sunday was this, 'Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year not because of what's happening but because of what's already happened'
- In what ways does the story of Jesus coming, living, dying and rising again, give us perspective in the dark and difficult times of our lives?

Finish by taking communion with each other and worshipping God together. Maybe read some scriptures, sing some songs, then pray for one another that this Christmas time there will be moments of wonder for each of you.

Then pray for the Christmas events at church and all the many people who will attend. Pray that God will do more than we can ask or imagine!!

Luke 2 v.18 (AMP) - "and all who heard it were astounded and wondered at what the shepherds told them"