Dear Parents/Carers,

We want to develop our Spiritual Garden at the front of school and had the idea of creating a Bible Story Village – we thought this could be a wonderful visual and useful outcome of the lockdown period.

Our initial thoughts are that we would have every class involved so that all children have something of theirs in the garden, for example, the Year One children in school are going to create The Nativity scene with Mrs Hunt. We want the children to design it, decide which materials to use, where it should be placed, etc.

Then we thought it would be great if we could ask families at home to make one too. The fairy villages that have sprung up around the town recently have shown how creative these can be! We have also invited Rev Deb and St Leonard's Church Parish (and Mother's Union) to get involved too if they wish to. In my head, there are little wooden plaques with headings on winding around the path!

I'd love some feedback with ideas for how we could make them – maybe flower pots, wood, moss – whatever you can find in the garden, park, woods – it might take a bit of planning. There's lots of pictures on the internet but we don't want it to look like a fairy village so we could stick to natural resources – stones, turf, branches and twigs, etc. This project could be started now to extend over this next half term and continued during the summer break.

There are some ideas below and I have listed some Old Testament and New Testament stories. We will need a system to avoid duplicating. I have noted which ones Robins, Owls and Falcons are making.

I know how inventive and creative our families are so I'm really excited to see how our Spiritual Garden will look. Once it's started not only will it be a lovely resource for RE lessons, it will also be a reminder of an unusual and unprecedented time in the school's history.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs Hunt

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**Old Testament**

Creation Story
Adam and Eve
Noah's Ark $\sqrt{\text{ROBINS}}$
Abraham
Jacob and Joseph
Moses
Ruth
Samuel
David and Goliath $\sqrt{\text{OWLS}}$
Jeremiah
Daniel
Jonah

**New Testament**

Nativity Story $\sqrt{\text{YEAR 1}}$
Jesus as a boy
John baptises Jesus
The first disciples

*Miracles*: Wedding, Lepers, The storm at sea, Jairus' daughter, Feeding 5000, Bartimaeus, walking on water, etc

*Parables*: The house built on a rock, Lost sheep, the sower, Good Samaritan, etc $\sqrt{\text{FALCONS}}$

Holy Week and Easter
Jesus goes to Heaven
Pentecost
Saul on his way to Damascus (Paul)