

Statement to live by



I can laugh and have fun

Gathering

The pictures on the next slide show children having fun.

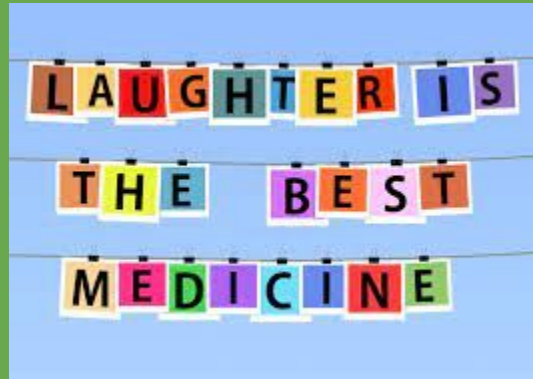
How do these images make you feel?
What do you do to have fun?

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Doctors tell us that laughter is a good medicine. In other words laughing is good for us and we should laugh and have fun many times each day.



Gathering

None of us were around when God made the world but some wise men who wrote a book in the Old Testament called the Book of Wisdom described God as playing and having fun when He was making the world.

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The Bible tells us that we are made in God's image and likeness. In other words we are to be like God.

Having fun and laughing is being like God. There are many stories in the Bible about Jesus eating and drinking and going to parties with his friends.

Jesus liked to laugh and have fun too!!

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Let's sit quietly for a moment now and think how we have laughed, played and shared fun times with those around us this week.

Let's thank God for all the gifts he has given us

The Word of God

Leader

Before Jesus was born some of God's people wrote songs called psalms. Some of them were joyful and very happy and the people laughed and had fun as they sang them. They even got out all their musical instruments and had a great time making lots of noise!! Let's listen to one of the psalms now.

The Word of God

Reader 1:

A reading from the book of Psalms.

Psalm 15

Let's give our God joyful praise!

Praise God and God. Holy place!

Praise God!

The Word of God

Reader 2:

Praise God in the highest heavens!

Praise God!

Praise God's greatness in power!

Praise God!

Praise God with the sound of trumpets!

Praise God!

Praise God with the strumming his guitars!

Praise God!

The Word of God

Reader 3:

Praise God with the shaking of tambourines!

Praise God!

Praise God with the clashing of symbols!

Praise God!

The Word of God

Reader 4:

Praise God with the playing of violins !

Praise God!

Praise God with our joyful dancing!

Praise God!

Let everything that breathes praise God!

The Word of God

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Action/Response

Leader

Let's read the Psalm again. This time I want you to shout the response 'praise God!' at the end of each line.

Prayer

God our Creator.

it is good to laugh and have fun
and in doing so we are being just like you!
Make this day be a day of fun and laughter
for everyone in school.

We make this prayer through Jesus
who love to party and have fun to! Amen.



This little light of mine



Prayer & Liturgy Planning Sheet

Term/week/date	Aut 1 Week 4	w/c 23/09/24	
Leader	Year group		Year
Statement to live by	I can laugh and have fun		
Feast/Special Day			
Thought for the week			
Gathering (creating a sacred space, focus table, images and symbols, music, lighting)	Focal point: candle picture of children playing and having fun Bible open at Psalm 15 or God's Story 2 p. 38. Leader: Doctors tell us that laughter is a good medicine. In other words laughing is good for us and we should laugh and have fun many times each day. None of us was around when God made the world but some wise men who wrote a book in the Old Testament called the Book of Wisdom described God as playing and having fun when God was making the world. The Bible tells us that we are made in God's image and likeness. In other words we are to be like God. Having fun and laughing is being like God. There are many stories in the Bible about Jesus eating and drinking and going to parties with his friends. Jesus liked to laugh and have fun too!!		
The word of God (Word of God and scripture used)	Leader <i>Before Jesus was born some of God's people wrote songs called psalms. Some of them were joyful and very happy and the people laughed and had fun as they sang them. They even go out all their musical instruments and had a great time making lots of noise!! Let's listen to one of the psalms now.</i> Reader: <i>A reading from the book of Psalms.</i> Psalm 15 <i>Let's give our God joyful praise! Praise God and God. Holy place! Praise God! Praise God in the highest heavens! Praise God! Praise God's greatness in power! Praise God! Praise God with the sound of trumpets! Praise God! Praise God with the strumming his guitars! Praise God! Praise God with the shaking of tambourines! Praise God! Praise God with the clashing of symbols! Praise God! Praise God with the playing of violins ! Praise God! Praise God with our joyful dancing! Praise God! Let everything that breathes praise God!</i> This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.		
Action/Response to the Word of God (quiet reflection time. discuss message and meaning, say prayer)	<i>Read the psalm again and this time to the children to shout the Praise God response and get some of the younger children to play various musical instruments to accompany the psalm. Enjoy the experience and have fun!</i>		
Mission/Go Forth (message, action, activity or anything specific you want the children to do or reflect on)	Prayer: <i>God our Creator. it is good to laugh and have fun and in doing so we are being just like you! Make this day be a day of fun and laughter for everyone in school. We make this prayer through Jesus who love to party and have fun to! Amen. (you may like to end with an appropriate hymn) and a suitable joke!</i>		
Evaluation (brief comment)			