

## Barton St Lawrence Values

### Core Values

Service

Joy

Generosity

Forgiveness

Value	Old Testament	New Testament
Articulation	<p>Aaron – speaking for Moses in front of Pharaoh because Moses lacked the confidence to speak. <b>Exodus 4</b></p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aaron was articulate and was prepared to use his skill to speak up for others</li> <li>• God helped him to use the right words when needed</li> </ul>	<p>Peter – often said the wrong thing and spoke before he had thought but Jesus used those faults to help him to grow.</p> <p><b>Mark 9 verses 2 to 8</b> (transfiguration)  <b>Luke 22 verses 33 to 34</b> (Peter at the last supper)</p> <p>Then on the day of Pentecost (the arrival of the Holy Spirit) Peter spoke to the crowd....</p> <p><b>Acts 2 verses 14 to 37</b></p>
Confidence	<p>David and Goliath <b>1 Samuel 17</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David was confident in his call from God to face Goliath without the King's armour and armed only with a sling and five stones. He had no safety net or back up plan.</li> <li>• David used and learnt from his own experience <b>1 Samuel 17 verses 34 to 37</b></li> </ul>	<p>The Syro-phoenician Woman – a woman comes to Jesus and asks for help for her daughter and initially Jesus says no because she is not a Jew – but she has the confidence to ask again <b>Mark 7 verses 24-30</b></p> <p>Mary the mother of Jesus who said yes when the angel came to tell her she was to be the mother of Jesus and she sings a song of praise (the Magnificat) <b>Luke 1 verses 46 to 56</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confident even though this was not an acceptable situation in terms of her being unmarried</li> <li>• Confident that God's love and care would be enough for all the challenges she would have to face</li> </ul>
Forgiveness	<p>Noah's ark Genesis 6</p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God saved all those who were open to asking for forgiveness and willing to try again</li> <li>• God saved creation</li> </ul>	<p>Jesus on the cross <b>Luke 23 verse 34</b></p> <p>Stephen, the first Christian martyr, who was stoned to death because of his faith <b>Acts 7 verses 54 to 60</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forgiveness even of those who really hurt you without justification</li> </ul>
Generosity	<p>The widow who shared her last bit of flour and oil with Elijah (Widow of Zarephath) <b>1 Kings 17 verse 8 to 16</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generosity with no expectation of a reward</li> <li>• Generosity even when life is tough</li> </ul>	<p>The widow who put two copper coins into the treasury <b>Mark 12 verses 41 to 44</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generosity is not about the amount of something but the spirit in which the act of generosity is made</li> <li>• We can all be generous whether we have much or little</li> </ul>

Happiness		
Individuality	Joseph the son of Jacob with his technicolour coat and ability to think on his feet. Genesis 37 to chapter 42 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not willing to conform to his brother's expectations</li> <li>• Worked hard</li> <li>• Thought and planned ahead which was unusual in that time</li> </ul>	Samaritan woman at the well. John 4 verses 1 to 29. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepared to speak to a Jewish stranger counter to the culture of the day</li> <li>• Prepared to ask questions</li> <li>• Prepared to listen to the answers and be challenged</li> </ul>
Integrity	Jonathan the son of King Saul and friend of David <b>1 Samuel chapters 14 to 17.</b> Jonathan was loyal to his father and to David and acted with integrity even when he was forced to choose between his father and his friend David, when his father made a rash vow and wanted to kill David <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serving God was key to integrity</li> <li>• Be true to self and friendships</li> </ul>	Jesus
Service	Ruth – the book of Ruth tells the story of Ruth staying with her mother-in-law Naomi and working in the fields to provide for her and refusing to leave her even though it meant going with her to a foreign country. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Putting others first</li> <li>• Recognise others needs</li> <li>• Willing to work hard at things that may not be a natural fit for you</li> <li>• Not expecting a reward</li> </ul>	Martha <b>Luke 10 verses 38-42</b> Martha worked hard to serve Jesus – and to reprimand Jesus after the death of her brother Lazarus John 11 verse 1 to 44. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service needs to be balanced with being (Mary and Martha)</li> <li>• Importance of enabling others to do what they are called or able to do e.g. looking after the practical things so Jesus could preach and teach</li> </ul>
Joy	Psalms <b>Psalm 65, Psalm 84</b> A number of psalms write about joy of worship and of creation	Wise men Matthew 2 verses 2 to 12 The wise men from the east were filled with Joy when they found Mary and Jesus....
Justice	<b>Isaiah 58 verse 6 and 7</b> Is not this the fast that I choose to lose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?	Nicodemus <b>John 3 verse 1 to 21</b> Nicodemus was a pharisee who was willing to ask questions and challenge himself in the pursuit of justice and understanding
Kindness	Pharaoh's daughter rescues Moses from the river after her father commands all the babbies of the Israelites to be killed as they were getting too numerous. <b>Exodus 2 verse 1 - 10</b>	Joseph of Arimathea who allows Jesus to be buried in his tomb with great care and dignity. <b>Mark 15 verse 43 to 46</b>
Resilience	Nehemiah and rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem <b>Nehemiah chapters 1 to 5</b> Nehemiah works with returning exiles and those already in Jerusalem to rebuild its walls despite opposition and the enormity of the task. He kept	Men who lower their friend through the roof so he can be healed...not put off by the crowds in the house they climb onto the roof and lower him down in front of Jesus <b>Luke 5 verses 17 to 26</b>

going and kept others motivated until not just the walls were rebuilt but the community re-established.

***Hebrews 12 verses 1 to 2***

Run with perseverance the race that is set before us looking to Jesus