

EPWORTH WORSHIP TOGETHER.



This week's big idea

Refugee Week

This week is **Refugee Week**, a time when we think about people who have had to leave their homes to find safety. A **refugee** is someone who has had to flee their country because it is no longer safe for them to live there. This year, Refugee Week focuses on **courage**—the bravery it takes for people to leave everything behind and start again somewhere new.



Leviticus 19:33-34

“When a stranger lives with you in your land, do not mistreat them. Treat them as your neighbour and love them as yourself.”

Bible verse of the week

Exploring further

People become refugees for many different reasons. Some may have to leave because of

- War or conflict
- Danger or violence
- Natural disasters
- Being treated unfairly because of who they are or what they believe

Leaving everything behind takes great courage. Think about how it would feel to have to leave everything behind and start a new life somewhere different. How could you help to make others feel welcome?



Prayer of the week



Dear God,
Thank you for reminding us to love others as we love ourselves. Thank you for the courage of people who have had to leave their homes. Help us to be brave in showing kindness and welcome. May our schools be places of safety, friendship, and peace.
Amen.

This week's worship song

My Lighthouse

My Lighthouse with lyrics (Rend



MY lighthouse



This week's activity



This week, we have a special challenge for you:

Try to complete at least one act of courageous kindness.

You could:

- Welcome someone who is new
- Sit with someone who is alone
- Learn how to say "hello" in another language
- Help someone feel included in a game or activity

At the end of the week, take a moment to think:

How did I help make someone feel safe and welcome?

Then write or draw it on a thought bubble and place it in your worship floor book.

Explore further at home



You might like to explore this theme further at home with your family:

- Share a story about a time you felt new or unsure—what helped you feel welcome?
- Find out about a different country or culture and what life is like there
- Try learning a few words in another language, like "hello" or "welcome"
- Think of one way your family could show kindness in your community
- Watch and discuss the home video again with your family [Home | an Aardman and Save the Children short film](#)



Quote of the week



Picture of the week

