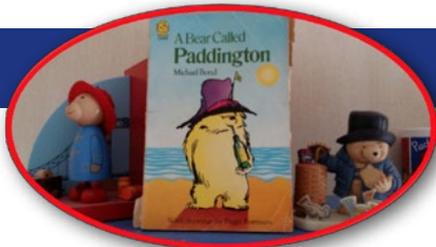


Theme: Belonging & Deeply Loved



Paddington is a fabulous story about love and belonging. The friendly bear from Peru finds himself lost and alone at Paddington Station. City life is not all he imagined. However, he meets the Brown family, who offer him a place to stay. Little do the Browns realise that their lives will never be the same again!

There are board books available as an alternative for younger children.

Biblical Reference:

1 John 4:19

'We love because He first loved us'.

Next month's book is:

'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell

Inspiration ...

If you do not have this book, you could borrow it from the library or watch the film or cartoon animation on YouTube.

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Theme exploration:

We are all a part of God's family. None of us can ever do anything to deserve God's gift of love. Christians believe that God created each and every one of us, and like Mr & Mrs Brown helped Paddington God wants us to love and support one another. We are all God's children, and He wants to care for us, and when we allow God to do that, our lives are never the same again.

A story you might like to read in the Bible, is about Moses as a baby in **Exodus 2:1-10**. Moses' life was in danger, his mother had to keep him safe, find out who saved and looked after Moses.

As a family this month you could:

- Make marmalade sandwiches.
- If you have a pet, talk about how you love and care for them and how they belong to your family.
- Create your own useful suitcase/bag to take on a trip.
Tip: you might not want to include marmalade sandwiches as they get a bit sticky!



We believe in the power of prayer

A prayer for you to pray for your little one(s):

Loving God, bless these children so they may grow to know Your love for them. Amen.

A prayer we commit to pray for you as parents:

Loving God, these parents are creating a home, help them to make a place of warmth, love, welcome and belonging. Amen.