



Theme: Belonging

Book: **Paddington** by Michael Bond

Reflection on last week's faith in action, with the families.

What was last week's action?

How did that make you feel?

Why did that make a difference?



Prayer time

Heavenly Father we thank you for our friends and family and for this group – help us to all know that we belong to you. Amen.

Inspiration ...

Biblical Reference:

Exodus 2:1-10

The story of Moses is a similar story of belonging.

1 John 4:19

We love because he first loved us.

• SNACK TIME

Orange pieces

Marmalade sandwiches or marmalade on toast

• SONGS


Use musical instruments

The wheels on the bus

Row, row, row your boat

Additional resources:

An animation on Youtube

 https://youtu.be/epOwMn-04BAs?list=PL_nccfnpnXFki5-ClIQx-3QbDQVnQqomc_4

Family tree sheet.

Theme Introduction:

A sense of belonging is important no matter what age you are, but for children it can help create an environment where they can thrive. If they feel they belong they will have a safe space to share their thoughts and ideas and will be confident to take risks as they will feel supported even if they experience failure.

The children who attend your groups will form relationships between the children, families, and staff. Together you all play an important role in developing positive relationships, which will help a child feel they belong.

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 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.

Free play suggestion:

Link with book:

Paddington went on a long trip in a boat to get from Darkest Peru to London.

- Packing for a trip: Provide play Ironing board, iron, clothes, suitcase so that children can pack a suitcase.

I wonder what might you need. 

- Traveling by boat: Provide play boats and very shallow water (or blue cloth).



I wonder what happens when a boat hits the wave.

I wonder have you ever travelled on a boat.

I wonder where would you travel to.


Craft ideas:


Link with book:

- Make marmalade sandwiches.

Link to theme:

- Use the family tree template.

I wonder who you will draw in your family. 

 **Faith in action:** Think about which family groups or activity groups you belong to? How would you help a new person to feel that they belong?