EMERGE 2026
Term 4A

Term 4 Summary

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Week 1 - 11th Oct

Focus: What are you looking at? Colossians 3:1-2, Psalm 121:1-2, Lamentations 3:40-41, Matthew 28:19-20

Discussions: Everything we do should start with looking up to God as it is through encounter with Him that transformation happens. What does looking to God look like for you? What does looking in and reflecting on our own behaviours feel like? How does the world look different when we look out through God’s lens?

At home: Who as a family could you look out for and pray for this week?

Week 2 - 18th Oct

Focus: “You are the salt of the earth” - Matthew 5:13

Discussions: As we encounter Jesus, we are transformed, and then we can look out to others to help them encounter Jesus too. What does it mean to be salty? What influence do we have on others? How do we keep our saltiness?

At home: What is something we do regularly as a family to help us stay close to Jesus?

Week 3 - 25th Oct

Focus: “You are the light of the world” - Matthew 5:14-16 & “I am the light of the world” - John 8:12, John 9:1-7

Discussions: How does Jesus bring light to our world? and to our individual lives? How can we share that light with others?

At home: Where have you demonstrated the Fruits of the Spirit this week? Is there someone who has benefited from your gentleness, kindness etc.?

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Week 4 - 1st Nov

Focus: Sharing Jesus with others - Matthew 28:16-20, John 4:1-42

Discussions: We love to tell others about our favourite foods, restaurants, experiences and things that bring us joy. It is how we express ourselves and help others find joy in things too. Do we speak about Jesus in the same way? How can we talk about Jesus with our friends and families, as well as others that don’t know him. Look at the example of the Samaritan woman spreading the good news.

At home: Practice sharing about Jesus to each other at home. Why do we love Jesus? What do you think is important to tell others about him? Then live it out with your friends at school/sport etc.

Week 5 - 8th Nov

Focus: Making an impact - 1 Timothy 4:12, John 13:34-35

Discussions: “Sometimes we are the only Bible people read”. Sharing God’s love with others isn’t just through speaking about Jesus, it is through our actions and responses to others. We can all make a difference to the lives of others, no matter how old we are or how inadequate we feel. The Bible is full of seemingly insignificant people doing God’s work in big ways - David, Gideon, Ruth...

At home: Work together to come up with some practical ways you can share God’s love with others this week or month? Is there a family you could do some baking for? Is there someone who you could offer to carpool with?...

Week 6 - 15th Nov

Focus: Going against the grain - Acts 4, Ephesians 6:10-20

Discussions: Being bold in our thankfulness, in being different, in choosing self-control and not gossip etc. when others do. Being a follower of Jesus means sometimes being brave and doing hard things. The Holy Spirit can empower us and help us (like Peter and John in Acts 4). God has our back and has given us gifts and tools to help us, such as the Armour of God (Ephesians 6:10-20).

At home: Can you memorise the Armour of God? Can you pray into these things before you leave the house in the morning? Can you practice asking God to help you in moments that are hard?