

TRUTHFULNESS

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Collective Worship - the launch of our new
value TRUTHFULNESS

When in doubt,
tell the TRUTH.

Mark Twain

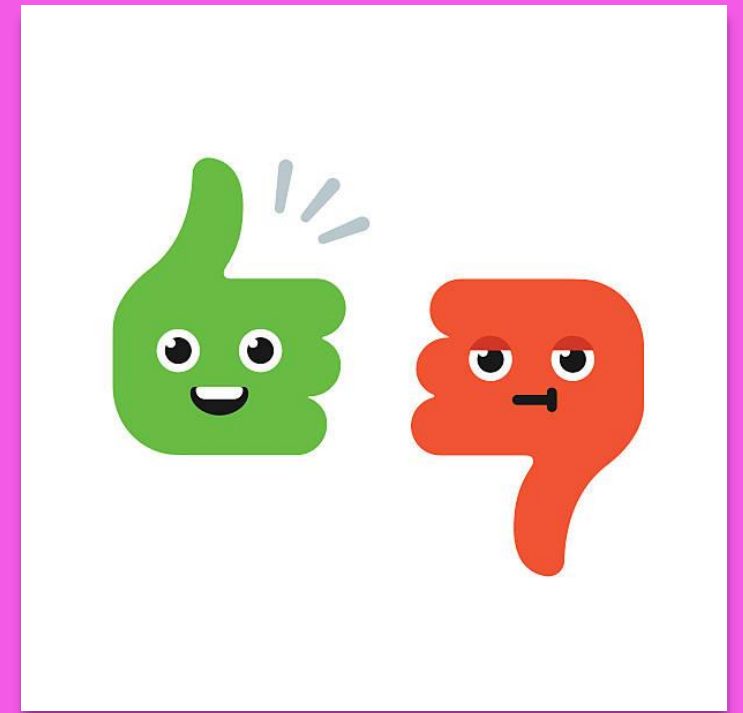
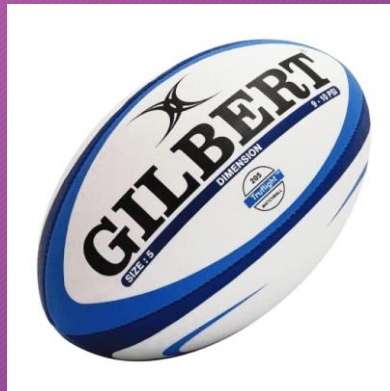
**BE BOLD, FREE,
AND TRUTHFUL.**

- BRENDA UELAND -

Gathering.....

In our worship this morning we are going to be thinking about the value of **TRUTHFULNESS**

Let's play a game - TRUE or FALSE



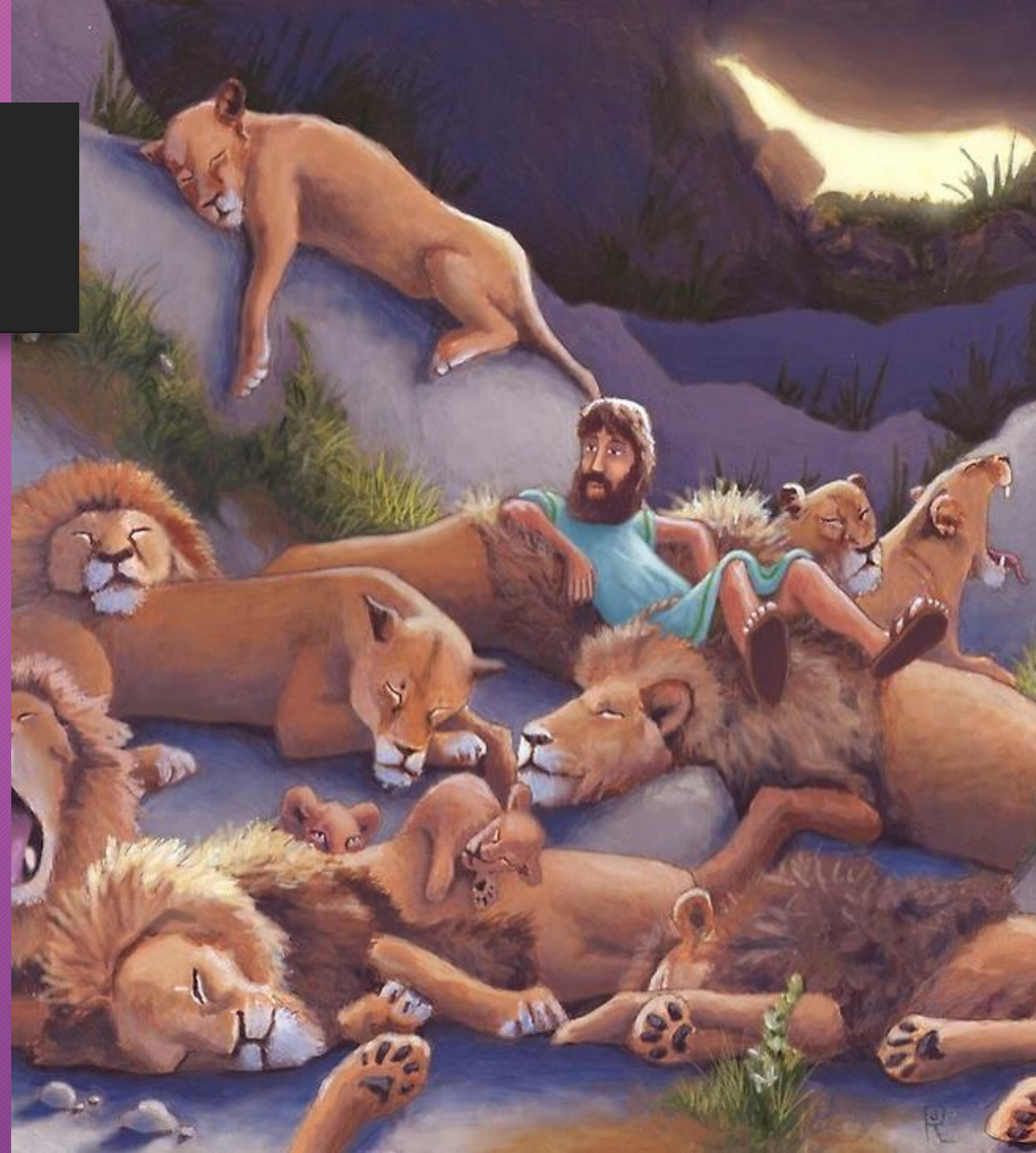
This was just a game, I am not very good at telling lies about myself..... Let's look at a Bible story together

Engaging.... Daniel and the Lions' Den

Daniel was living in a foreign country far from his own home, but he always worked very hard. The king of this country noticed how hard Daniel was working and put him in charge of his kingdom. Some other men who worked for the king were very jealous of Daniel but they could find nothing to accuse him of, so they resorted to plotting and lies instead.

They went to see the king and persuaded him to pass a new law – a law that said that everyone should worship the king, and only the king. Anyone who disobeyed this law would be thrown into the lions' den!

Daniel heard about the new law, but the next morning he did as he always did; he knelt down by his window and prayed to God, not to the king! The other men reported this to the king and insisted that Daniel be thrown to the lions. The king was very sad because he liked Daniel, but he knew that he could not break his own law. As Daniel was being dragged to the lions' den, the king whispered a little prayer – a prayer to Daniel's God, asking that Daniel might be saved.



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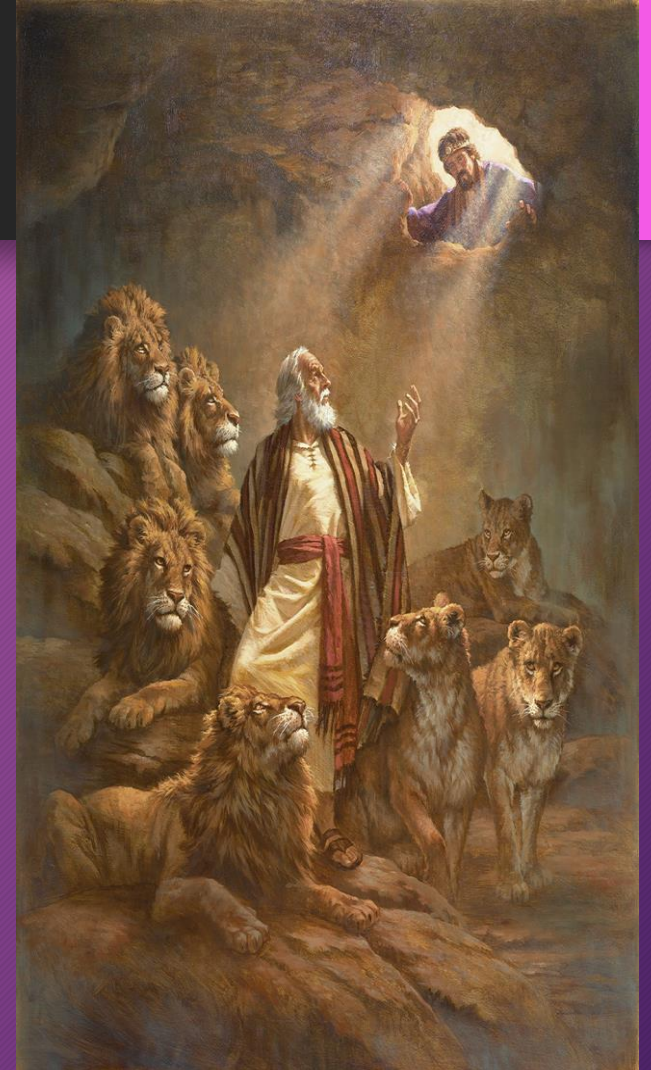
The king was so worried that he hardly slept a wink that night and rushed to the lions' den early the next morning.

'Are you still there?' shouted the king.

'Yes!' replied Daniel. 'My God knew that I was innocent, so he sent an angel to keep me safe and stop the lions from eating me. I'm fine – I really am!'


The king was so relieved to hear Daniel's voice and he had him pulled out of the lions' den as quickly as he could. What's more, he had the men who had tricked Daniel thrown to the lions, and he passed another new law; this law said that people should worship Daniel's God – the God who had rescued Daniel from the lions.

**Who told the lies in this story?
And who told the truth?**




Responding & Reflecting.....

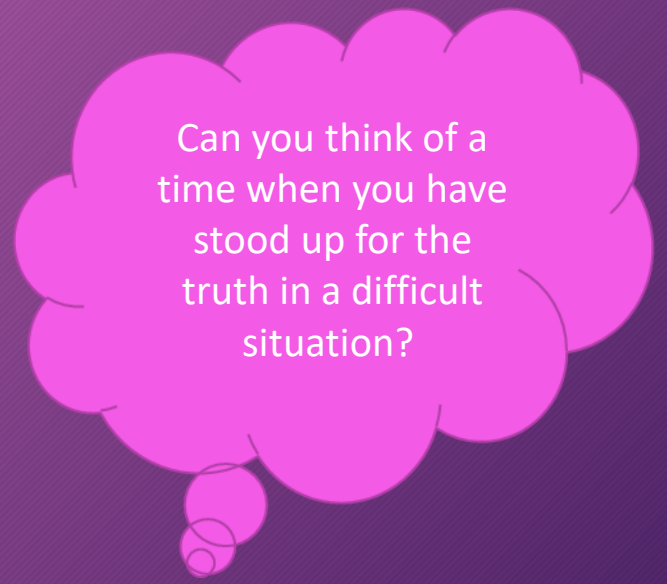
Now we're going to have a little think about this story now and what we could learn from it about telling the truth. THINK to yourselves for a moment about these questions.....



Why did the other servants not like Daniel?



What do you think you would have done if you had been Daniel?



Can you think of a time when you have stood up for the truth in a difficult situation?

Responding & Reflecting.....

Is it ever OK to tell a lie?



Daniel believed in something so strongly that he was willing to risk everything – even his life – to stand up for that truth. In the story, God honoured him for his truthfulness and saved him from the lions. Suggest that this sets us a good example to try to stand up for the truth on all occasions and to know that God will be with us in that decision to tell the truth. It might be easier to tell a little lie on occasions, but one lie often leads to another and this can often mean that lots of people get hurt in the process. It would be good to aim to be like Daniel and to tell the truth on all occasions!

SENDING.....

HOME LEARNING CHALLENGE - Draw and write about 1 way you could show others that you are an **HONEST & TRUSTWORTHY** person that can be relied upon to tell the **TRUTH**.

Bring these into school and we will look at these during collective worship and display in school linking to our current value

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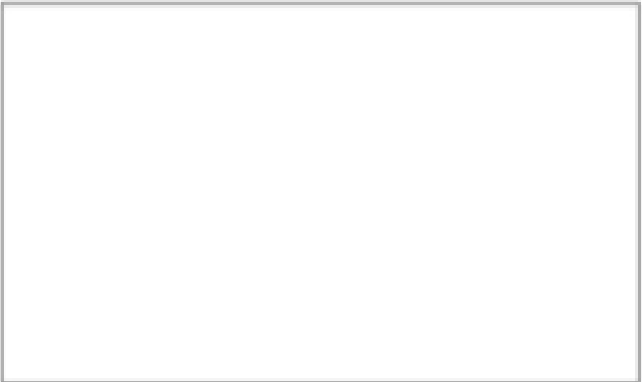
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TRUSTWORTHINESS

Trustworthy individuals are people who you can rely on and trust.

Directions: Draw **ONE** way you can show others that you are a **TRUSTWORTHY** individual.



FINAL PRAYER

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the example of Daniel.
Please help us to be brave enough to tell the truth on all occasions and help us to know that you will be with us when we find that hard to do.

Amen.