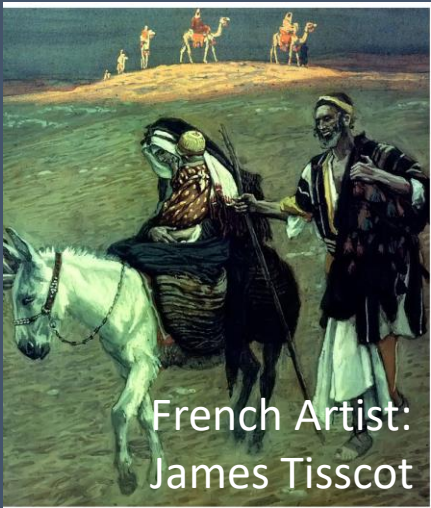




Welcome

# Perseverance

Keep going against  
all odds – The Flight  
to Egypt



French Artist:  
James Tissot

When was the last time  
you encouraged someone  
to achieve their goal?

## Prayer

Lord Jesus,  
When I feel worried about  
facing a new challenge,  
help me to persevere.  
When the going gets tough,  
help me to persevere.  
When I feel like giving up,  
help me to persevere  
Amen

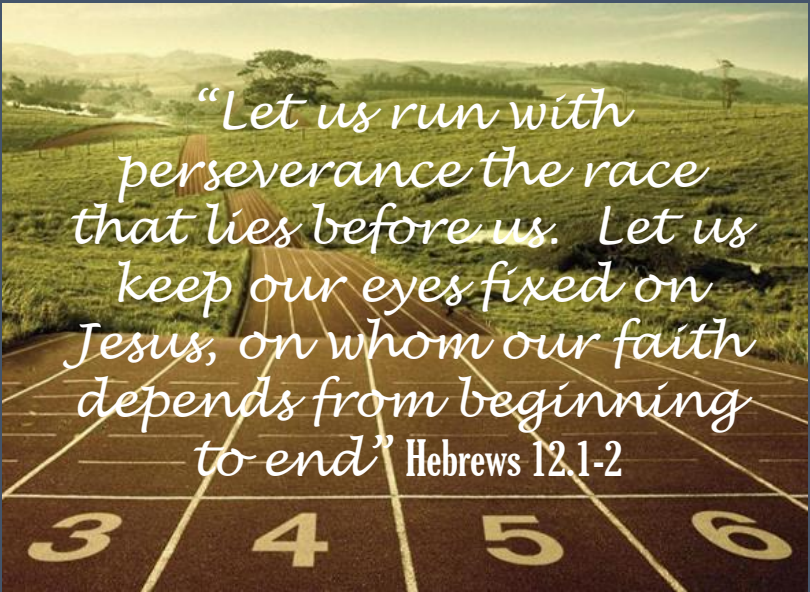


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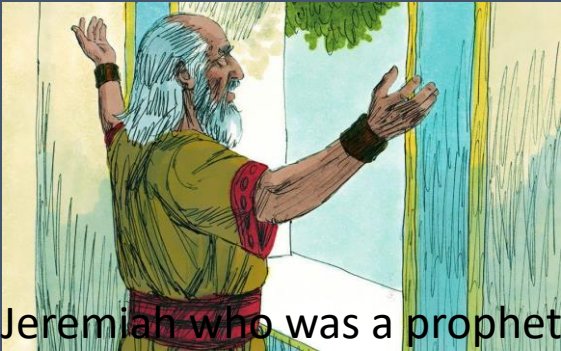
Running the race of life



Learning



Doing the right thing – not the easy thing



Jeremiah who was a prophet.



Responding

# Our School Prayer

**Dear God,**

**Thank you for helping us to keep on trying.**

**Thank you for helping us to persevere through the challenges in our lives.**

**We thank you for giving us the courage to persevere.**

**We regret that sometimes we give up too easily.**

**Sorry that sometimes we complain about things being too hard, rather than persevering.**

**We apologise for not always trying our best.**

**Please help us to try our best even when it's really hard.**

**Please be with us when we are stuck with problems or hard times.**

**Please help us persevere to achieve our goals in the future.**

**Amen**



PERSEVERANCE

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value PERSEVERANCE. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER

about Perseverance

Teachers often say that **perseverance** is something that many children find difficult.

Very little that is really worthwhile in life can be achieved without **perseverance**. An athlete may train for years before they are ready to compete at the highest level. A musician must practice every day, sometimes for hours at a time, if they are to really master their instrument.

- How would each family member rate themselves on a scale of 1-10 at **perseverance**?
- Can you give an example of something you have achieved by determined **perseverance**?
- Is there a skill that you think you could improve with **perseverance**?

READ TOGETHER...

The Widow Who Never Gave Up

There was once a judge living in a town just like this one, said Jesus to the crowd of people who were listening to him and hanging on his every word. This judge did not care much about God or justice. The crowd muttered to one another and smiled knowingly, they all knew judges like him! A poor widow, called Sarah, lived in the same town. She was being treated badly by her neighbour who was making her life very difficult indeed.

At first the judge tried to ignore her. Silly old woman he thought. Why won't she leave me alone. Doesn't she realise that I have more important things to deal with?

But Sarah **persevered**. You are my only hope she told the judge. You must help me. Day after day she went to see him.

In the end, the judge was so exasperated that he thought to himself I will never get a minutes peace unless I help this old woman.

Finally he let her explain to him the problems that she was facing and agreed that Sarah's neighbour was indeed behaving very badly and must be made to stop at once. Sarah's **perseverance** paid off and eventually she got the justice she deserved.

So keep **persevering** and keep praying said Jesus to the crowd.

Photo Story based on Luke 18:1-8

QUIZ Wordsearch

PERSEVERANCE

DAY

HELP

HOPE

IGNORE

JUDGE

JUSTICE

KEEP

NEIGHBOUR

PROBLEMS

SARAH

WIDOW

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THINK TOGETHER

Words of Wisdom

"If at first you don't succeed try, try and try again."

W.E. Hickson

You might like to explore the value Perseverance at home.

Here are a few ideas from Imaginor.

FAMILY FOCUS

The Perseverance Challenge

Ask each member of the family to write (on identical pieces of paper) a challenge that will require **perseverance** to complete. Fold the paper 4 times and place it in a bag with the others. Invite each person to place their hand into the bag (whilst looking the other way) and pick out a challenge which they have one week to complete. (Think carefully about the challenge you set and if possible make it a worthwhile and useful thing to do).

HALL OF FAME

Prince George

Prince George, later to become King George VI, had always been shy and had developed a stammer, which meant he could not speak for very long without struggling to say the words he wanted to say.

His elder brother, Edward, was very different. He was confident, loved to be the centre of attention and was destined to become King of England.

But soon after the coronation, King Edward announced that he was going to abdicate – to give up being king. His younger brother would now become king in his place. George was horrified! He felt sick with fright. Now he would be expected to deliver speeches and give radio broadcasts to millions! How would he be able to do this with his dreadful stammer? But George knew that it was his duty to serve his country.

He knew that he must overcome his fears and do his very best. He employed an Australian speech therapist to help him and with **perseverance** and great courage George was able to face the challenges ahead. When war was declared in 1939 King George gave a famous speech. He comforted and encouraged his people and won everyone's respect because they knew how brave he was being.

HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Mosaics

Mosaics are one of the oldest ways to make art. People have been arranging tiny coloured pieces of glass or pottery for thousands of years to create beautiful designs. But the process is time consuming and needs lots of **perseverance**.

This term's Home-School Challenge is to make a mosaic picture (no bigger than A3 – 29x42cm) using small pieces of coloured paper. The subject of your mosaic is up to you. It could be a pattern or a picture.

All the pictures submitted will be displayed in our school Challenge Gallery.

FASCINATING FACTS

Perseverance in the Natural World

Many birds show remarkable **perseverance** as they build their nests, piece by piece often in cold, wet and windy weather and at risk from predators.

The long-tailed tit is just one example. Weighing just 9g, this little bird takes 3 weeks or more to build a nest. The oval shaped nest is made from moss, cobwebs and hair, covered on the outside with lichen and lined with up to 2000 tiny feathers!