

Parent Newsletter

Living faith
within our families

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‘A Right Royal Visit’

Happy new year! All of us at Ten Ten pray that you had a celebratory Christmas and are feeling energised for the year ahead!

School was bustling with activity. “Today is a very special day...” said the head teacher, Mr Coleman. “Today, we are having a Royal visit!”

“We know,” said Shannon. “We’ve been preparing for months! Putting up new display boards, replanting the gardens...”

“And practicing songs and dances to perform for Prince Albert,” chipped in Polly.

“I wonder what Prince Albert will be

like...” said Reece. “I bet he’ll be really grand. Maybe he’ll be wearing his crown!”

“Now,” said Mr Coleman, “he could be here any moment so make sure you are ready!”

Mr Coleman had been teaching them for weeks how to bow low and say, “Your Majesty!”, so they practiced quickly before he set them back on task.

In fact, they were all so busy with their chores that no-one noticed when a scruffy looking young man walked in.

“Hi? Hello! Excuse me?” he said, but everyone was too busy to notice.

Finally, Mr Coleman saw him. “Hey, you there. Are you the supply teacher? You’re looking very scruffy,

I must say. Don’t you know we’re waiting for Prince Albert to arrive?! Tidy yourself up – you’re setting a bad example!”

“No need to wait any longer!” said the scruffy young man, “I am Prince Albert.”

“Oh dear,” muttered Mr Coleman to himself, “this wasn’t how it was supposed to go... I expected a fanfare! Or at least bodyguards... it’s all gone wrong! Quickly everyone – Prince Albert is here!”

Shannon, Reece, Polly, staff and children all around the school rushed into the hall, bowing low and saying, “Your Majesty!”

‘A Right Royal Visit’ is a version of a drama performed by children in schools during the week commencing 20th January.

“He is the chosen one of God.” John 1:29-34

In the story above, the whole school was busily preparing for Prince Albert’s visit. Polly thought he’d “be really grand” and Mr Coleman had “expected a fanfare! Or at least bodyguards...”

The Jewish people were waiting for God’s chosen one and preparing by being baptised by John. Perhaps they expected God’s chosen one to turn up with fanfares and bodyguards! Perhaps they were

just as surprised by Jesus as Mr Coleman was by Prince Albert!

Even John didn’t quite know what to expect, but when the Spirit came down like a dove and landed on Jesus’ shoulder as He was baptised, it revealed Jesus for who He was – God’s son, the chosen one.

In this assembly, children learned that knowing who people are changes us and our behaviour.

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for showing us that Jesus is your Son, the chosen one.

Help us to get to know Jesus better, and change to become more like Him.

Amen

They were encouraged to consider how knowing Jesus changes their lives and how they can change to become more like Him, for example, being kinder, more loving, more generous and more patient.