



TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT OUR COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME



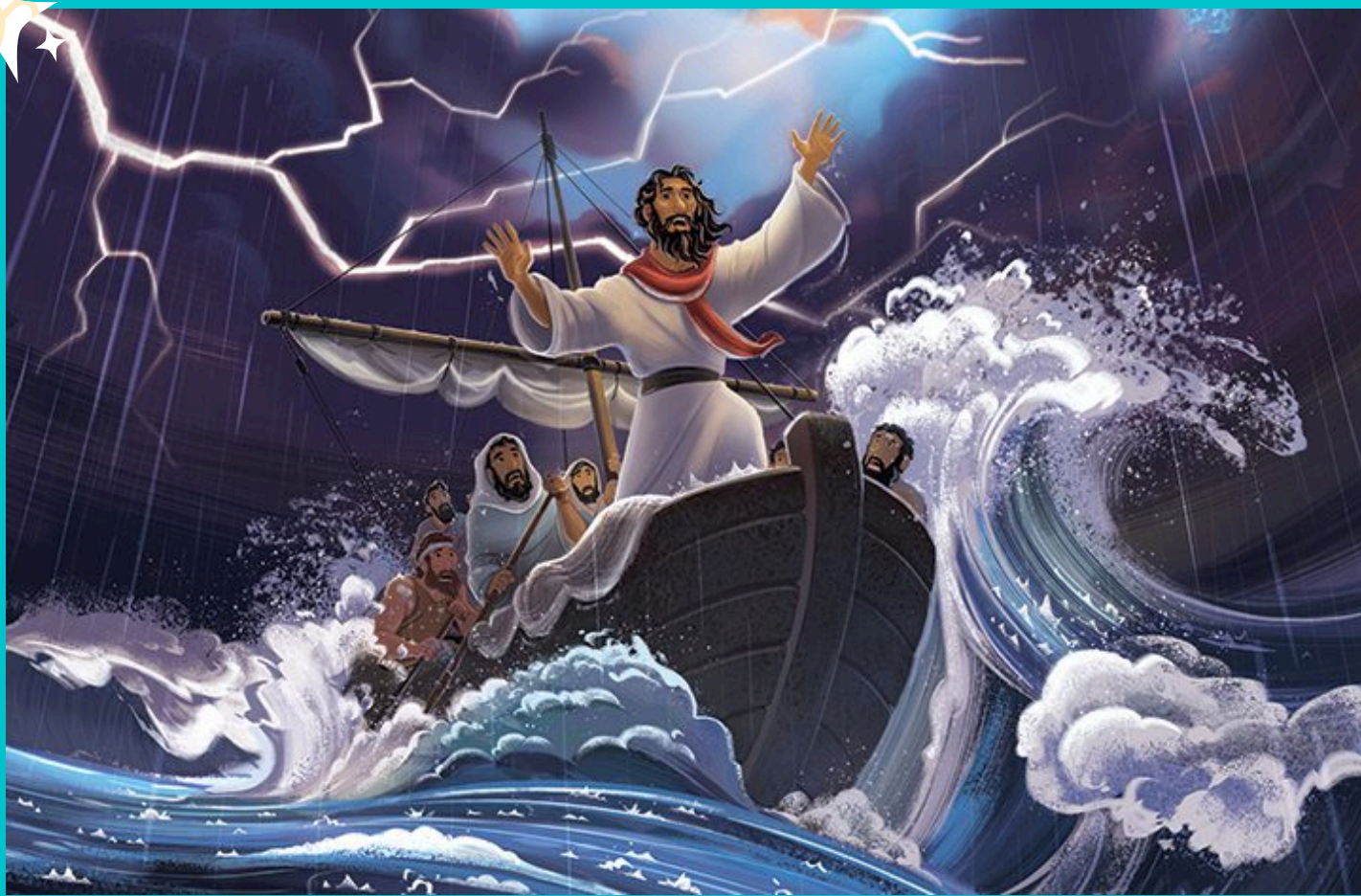
VALUE IN FOCUS: PERSEVERANCE



This half term, our collective worship focuses on the value of perseverance. At Bentley Heath, we believe that helping children develop perseverance is vital—not just for academic success, but for their personal growth and wellbeing. Life presents challenges, and learning to keep going, even when things are difficult, builds resilience and confidence. Through stories, reflection, and prayer, we're encouraging our pupils to understand that perseverance is about trying again, learning from mistakes, and never giving up on themselves or others.

THE HARE AND THE TORTOISE

We will all be familiar with Aesop's Fable - *The Hare and the Tortoise*. We looked at this in our worship last week as we reflected on how hard it is to keep going. It is also interesting to think about the Hare's complacency that he would win the race without even trying!



“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up”

Galatians 6:9



“He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” then the wind died down and it was completely calm.”

Mark 4:39

JESUS CALMS THE STORM

This week we looked at the word 'impossible' and talked about how sometimes tasks or things we are worried about might seem impossible. We then read the story Jesus Calms the Storm. (You can watch it [here](#) if you want to share this with your child, or read it in a bible in the book of Mark, Chapter 4, Verses 35-41)

In the story, Jesus and his disciples are on a boat and Jesus falls asleep, even though there is a storm raging! The disciples are terrified. They shake Jesus awake and he tells the storm to stop. It is calm straight away.

A QUESTION TO PONDER OVER

I wonder... is there something you are worried about or finding hard?

How could you try to persevere?



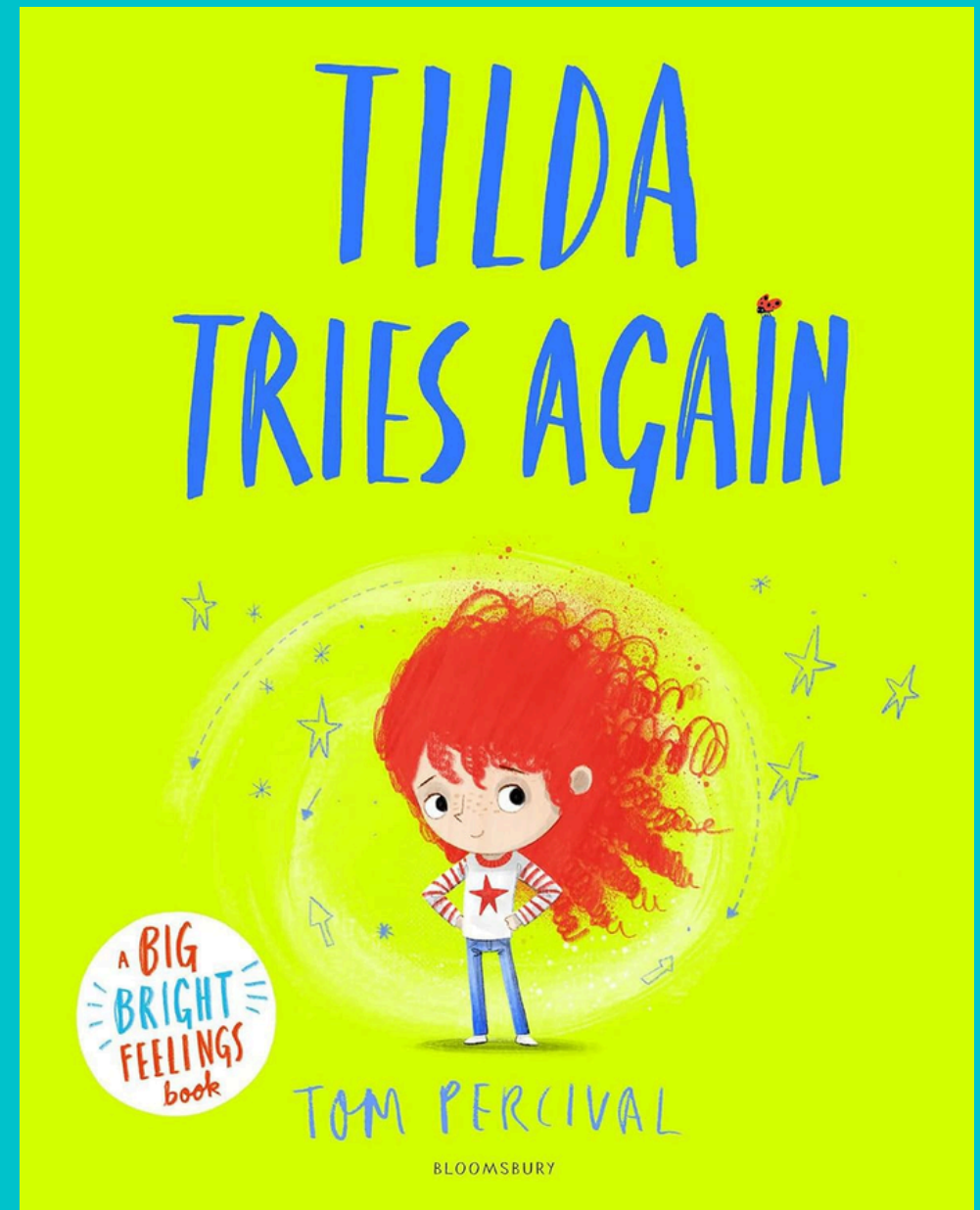
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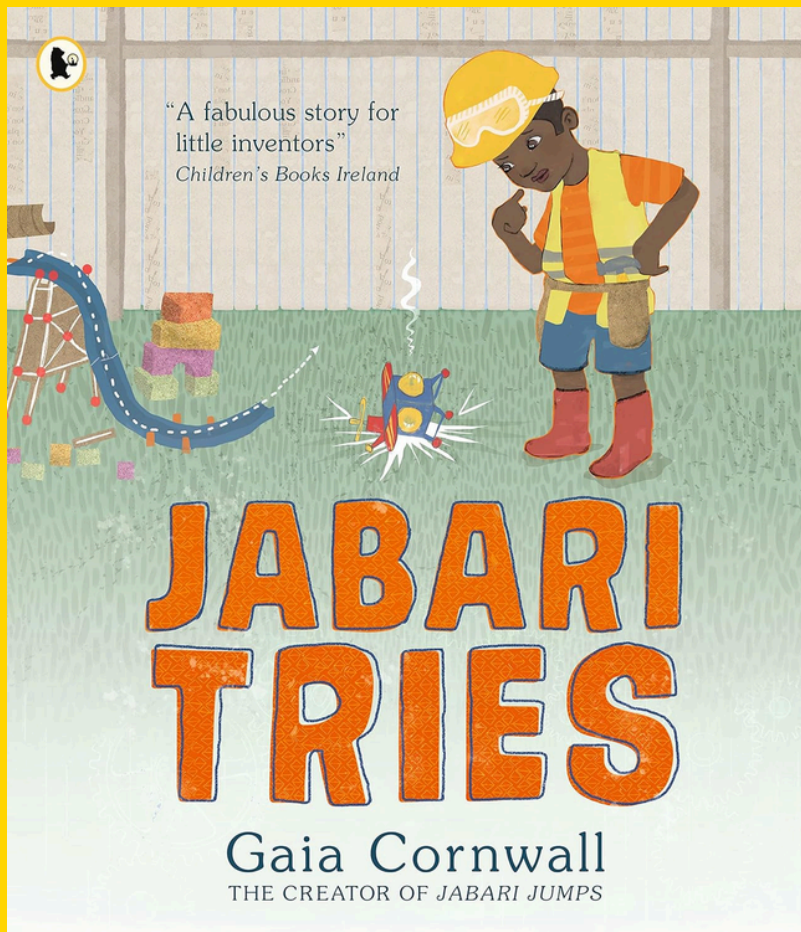
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Over the last few weeks we have continued to talk about the theme of Perseverance. We have read some great stories about characters who have had to keep trying at something. I enjoyed spending some extra time with our Nursery and Reception children this week, who were keen to tell me all the things they were trying really hard at, like doing the monkey bars, putting their puddle suits on independently and doing the zipwire at the park!



Jabari Tries by Gaia Cornwall is a heartwarming picture book about a young boy named Jabari who is working on a flying machine for a school project. He's full of ideas and enthusiasm, but when things don't go as planned, he feels



frustrated and wants to give up. With gentle encouragement from his dad and support from his little sister Nika, Jabari learns that perseverance, patience, and teamwork are key to solving problems. The story beautifully highlights resilience, creativity, and the importance of trying again.

“Jabari gathered up all his patience. He closed his eyes and took a deep breath. He blew away all his muddy feelings. He felt his body calm down. He felt his brain starting to work better”

Jabari Tries, by Gaia Cornwall

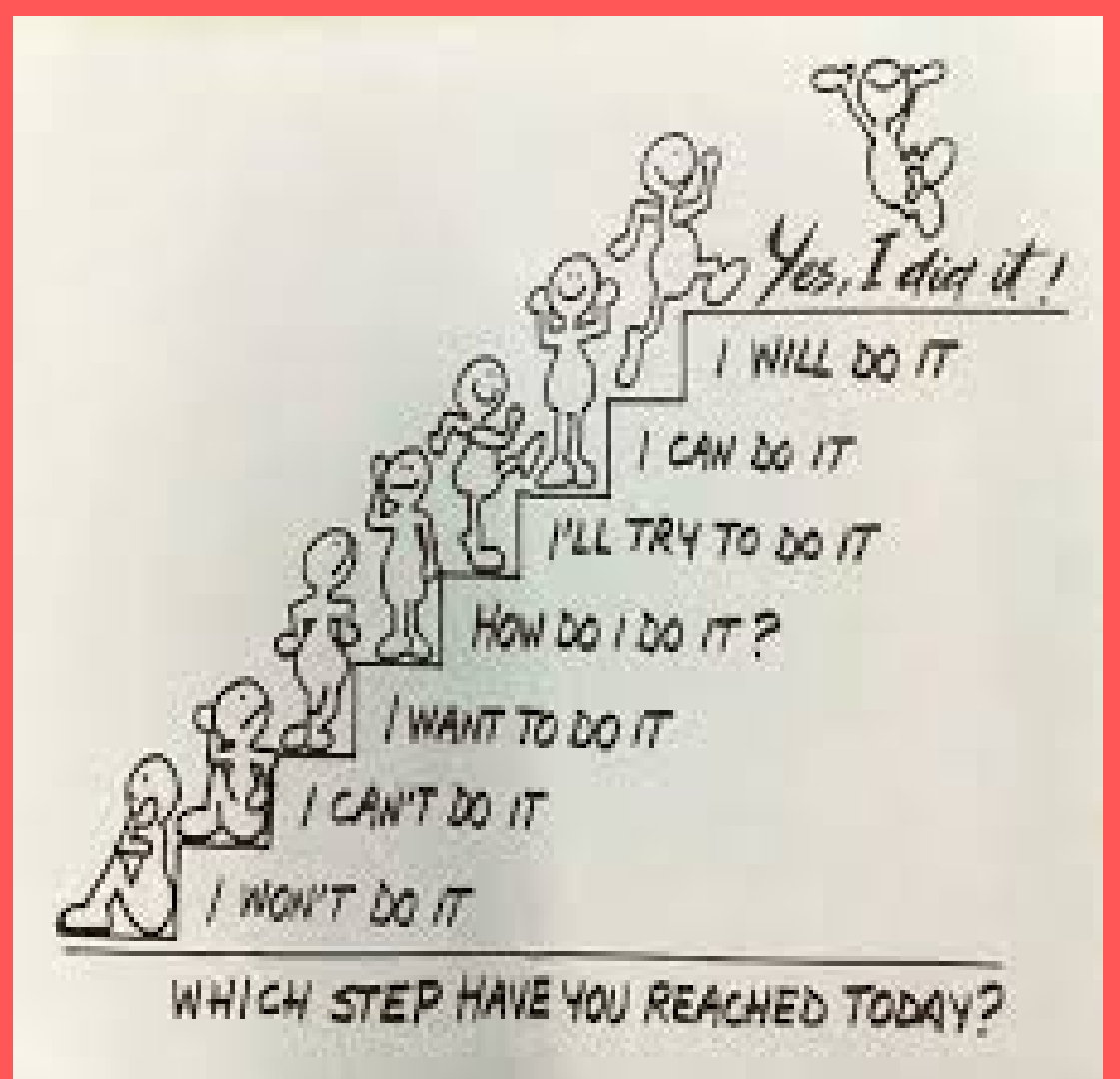
“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”



Philippians 4:13

A QUESTION TO PONDER OVER

I wonder... look at the picture on the right. Which step have you reached this week? What have you been trying?



WHICH STEP HAVE YOU REACHED TODAY?



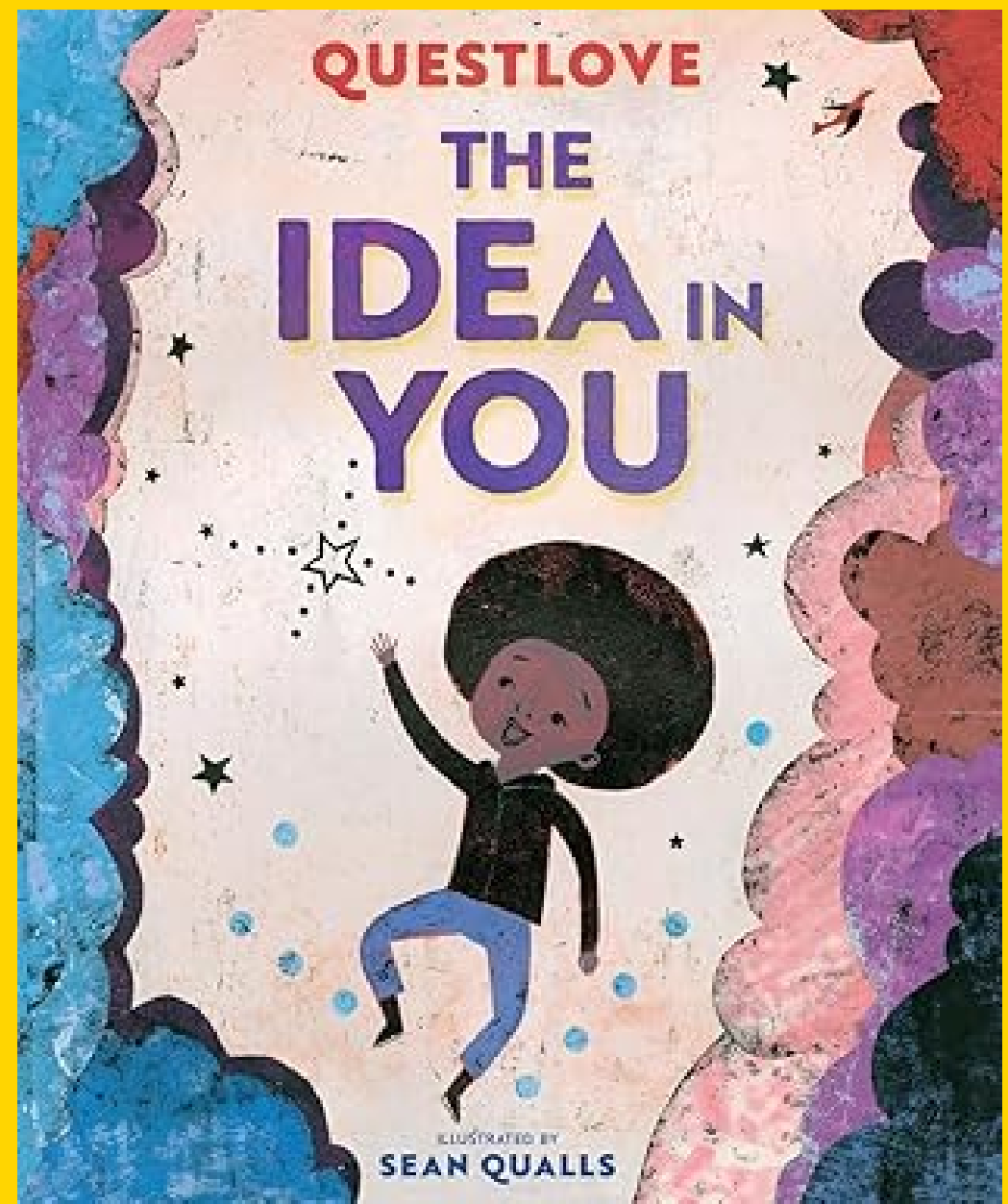
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Over the last few weeks we have been continuing our theme of **perseverance**, focusing on handling setbacks, facing fears and making sacrifices. We also had our Year 5 Harvest Celebration, where our pupils reminded us of the story of Ruth and Naomi. We revisited this story again in our worship this week, thinking about the courage Ruth showed and the sacrifice she made, leaving everything she knew behind, and linking this to our value of perseverance.



In last week's collective worship, we shared *The Idea in You* by Questlove - a beautifully illustrated story that encourages children to recognise and nurture the creative spark within them. The book follows a young child who captures an idea, represented as a star, and learns to shape it through imagination, experimentation, and joy. We reflected on how ideas don't always come fully formed — they take time, patience, and perseverance to grow. Just like the child in the story, we may face moments of doubt or difficulty, but by sticking with our ideas, trying new approaches, and believing in ourselves, we can turn something small into something truly special. It reminded us that perseverance isn't just about finishing a task — it's about having the courage to keep going when things feel uncertain, and trusting that our efforts will lead to something meaningful.



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11



A QUESTION TO PONDER OVER



I wonder... Think of something you've found hard recently – maybe learning something new, making a friend, or trying again after a mistake. Now imagine your idea or challenge is like a seed. What does it need to grow? What helps you keep going?

