Lighting of the Candles Peace of the Lord be with you

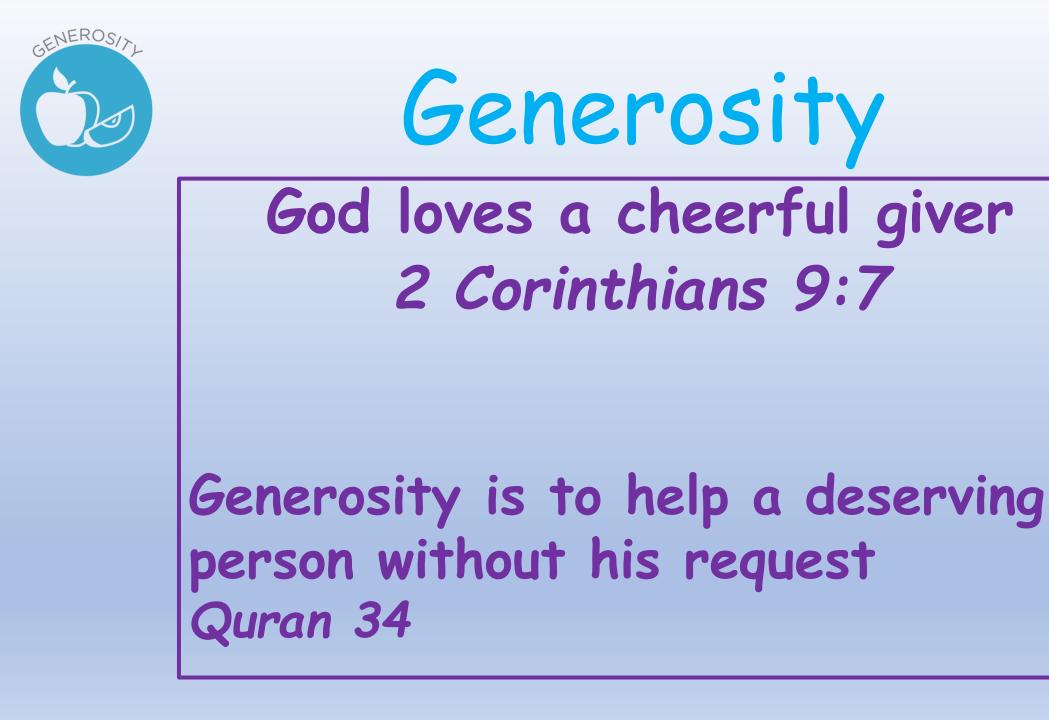


And also with you



We have gathered in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to worship together and think about our value of GENEROSITY





Generosity is...

Encouraging the best in each other Never selfish

Enjoying helping others Raising support for a good cause

Offering what we can

Sharing our time and talents

Inviting someone to join in

Taking care of God's creation for future generations

You first, me last.





"The person who gives with a smile is the best giver because God loves a cheerful giver"

- Mother Theresa





Reflection





How did the Rainbow fish feel?



In the Bible, when St Paul was writing one of his letters to Christians far away: he said,

'Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly, for God loves a cheerful giver.' 2 Corinthians 9.7

How generous are you?







Reflection

The way we give to others is very important. If we give reluctantly we will feel miserable and a bit grumpy about it. If we give cheerfully, we will feel happy at seeing others blessed and happy. Giving cheerfully makes others happy too.









Think about those times when you might have more than you need. Could you decide 'in your heart' that you will do more to share with others?





Prayer

Dear Father God We pray that you will help us to find it easier and easier to share what we have so that we can make others happy.

Amen









Response and Challenge

Take some of the Rainbow fish cards back to class and think about ways in which you could do more to share and give some of what you have to others. Think about how you will do this with a cheerful heart.



Blowing out the Candles Peace be with you



And also with you

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ And the love of God And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit Be with us all, evermore. Amen