

Markers of Development

A practical way in which we can walk closely with each individual in our Church family, to do the best we possibly can to help them to grow in; wisdom and stature and in favour with God and mankind.





We want to help each person grow into all that God has made them to be. To help achieve this we have laid down some aspirational markers of development. These markers will be built around:

Knowledge of God

Relationship with friends

Expression of faith

We recognise that each person is wonderfully different and that development happens differently for each one. These markers are not a standard we expect or will judge people by, they are a practical way we can get alongside each and every child in our care to help them connect with God, to walk with others and grow in their faith.

Age 3

These markers set out our aspiration for each child's faith development by the age of 3.



Age 5

These markers set out our aspiration for each child's faith development by the age of 5.



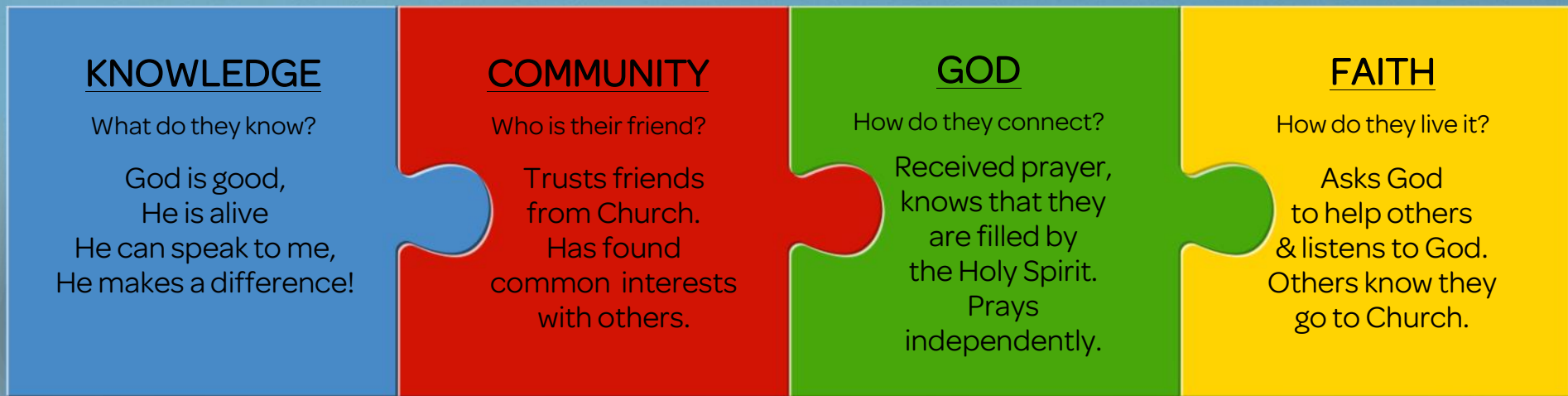
Age 8

These markers set out our aspiration for each child's faith development by the age of 8.



Age 11

These markers set out our aspiration for each child's faith development by the age of 11.



Age 14

These markers set out our aspiration for each child's faith development by the age of 14.

KNOWLEDGE

What do they know?

God is holy,
He can be trusted,
He loves you no
matter what.

COMMUNITY

Who is their friend?

Has independent
friendships with
other young
people at Church.

GOD

How do they connect?

Made a faith
commitment &
reads their
Bible regularly.
Has a personal
relationship with God.

FAITH

How do they live it?

Learning to hear
and discern
God's voice.
Open to sharing
their faith with
another.

Age 17

These markers set out our aspiration for each child's faith development by the age of 17.

KNOWLEDGE

What do they know?

My identity & value is found in Christ.
Truth is Gods.
Good knowledge of the Bible.

COMMUNITY

Who is their friend?

Has fellowship with Church friends.
Inclusive of those 'different' from themselves.

GOD

How do they connect?

Baptised & pursuing God in word, deed & friendship.

FAITH

How do they live it?

Serves in Church.
Witnesses to their friends.
Uses spiritual gifts.
Can confidently share their testimony.

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These markers of development are the aspiration for all Children that grow up within the community at Kings Church Amersham. We recognise every child is an individual and will develop at different speeds mentally, physically, socially & spiritually. These markers are not meant to be a standard by which we rate progression, they are a guide for us as a team to understand where a child is in their journey and potentially where we need to offer more support. We hope that by setting out these markers we as a team will be empowered to walk more closely with each and every child, journeying with them rather than solely following a teaching programme and hoping for the best outcome.

	AGE 3	AGE 5	AGE 8	AGE 11	AGE 14	AGE 17
KNOW What do they know?	Jesus loves me.	I have sinned. Jesus died because He loves me. I can choose to follow Him.	I have sinned, Jesus loves me, He died for me, I can choose to follow. God answers prayer.	God is good, He is alive, He can speak to me, He makes a difference.	God is holy, He can be trusted. He loves you no matter what.	My identity and value is found in Christ, Truth is Gods, Good Bible Knowledge.
COMMUNITY Who is their friend?	Mixes with other children.	They have friends at Church.	Mixes with Church friends 'outside of Church'.	Trust friends from Church. Has found common interest with others.	Has independent friendships with other young people at Church.	Has fellowship with Church friends. Inclusive of those 'different' from themselves.
GOD How do they connect with God?	Knows God exists & thanks Him in prayer!	Prays to God in a safe group, led by an adult.	Engages with the Bible and activity books. Prays to God at home.	Received prayer, Knows they are filled by God's Holy Spirit. Prays independently.	Made a faith commitment & reads their Bible regularly. Has a personal relationship with God.	Baptised & pursuing God in word, deed & friendship.
FAITH How do they live it?	Puts hands together for prayer. & Joins in action songs.	Prays out loud & owns a Bible.	Asks God for help.	Asks God to help others & listens to God. Others know they go to Church.	Learning to hear and discern God's voice. Open to sharing their faith with another.	Serves in Church, Witnesses to their friends. Uses spiritual gifts. Has a testimony.