

## Religious Education

### Stage 3 Values – Term 2

#### Week 4 – “Value Humanity”

Learning Intention: Understand the Christian beliefs about the dignity of the human person

#### Monday

Read Psalm 139

#### **Search Me, O God, and Know My Heart**

O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

<sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue,  
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

<sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is high; I cannot attain it.

<sup>7</sup>Where shall I go from your Spirit?  
Or where shall I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup>If I ascend to heaven, you are there!  
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

<sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

<sup>10</sup>even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me.

<sup>11</sup>If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light about me be night,”

<sup>12</sup>even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light with you.

<sup>13</sup>For you formed my inward parts;  
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

- 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.<sup>[a]</sup>  
Wonderful are your works;  
my soul knows it very well.
- 15 My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- 16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance;  
in your book were written, every one of them,  
the days that were formed for me,  
when as yet there was none of them.
- 17 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!
- 18 If I would count them, they are more than the sand.  
I awake, and I am still with you.
- 19 Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God!  
O men of blood, depart from me!
- 20 They speak against you with malicious intent;  
your enemies take your name in vain.<sup>[b]</sup>
- 21 Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD?  
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?
- 22 I hate them with complete hatred;  
I count them my enemies.
- 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart!  
Try me and know my thoughts!<sup>[c]</sup>
- 24 And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting!<sup>[d]</sup>

Glossary of terms

**Sheol**- Jews believed that you went to Sheol when you died.

**prophesy** ~ tell people what God thinks and will do.

**prophet** ~ someone who \*prophesies.

**psalmist** ~ the person that wrote a psalm (or psalms).

## **Tuesday**

Write a 2 sentence summary of the Psalm

What do you think the psalm is about and what is the message for us. ( we will be looking at this in class on Wednesday.

### Wednesday

The message of the psalm and answer the 'I wonder' questions.

I wonder...

- What does that mean for the way we think of ourselves?
- How should we think of ourselves and of others?
- Does that Scripture add to your previous understanding of dignity and worth?

### Thursday

Look at the structure and vocabulary associated with diamante poems.

The subject will be 'Dignity', as a class create a list of words that could be used in the poem.

Here is an example of a diamante poem

smile  
happy, warm  
welcoming, inspiring, soothing  
curve, lips, expression, emotion  
disturbing, deterring, depressing  
sad, unwelcome  
frown

### Format

- A diamante has 7 lines
- Line 1: Noun (First object)
- Line 2: Two adjectives (about first object)
- Line 3: Three verbs (About first object)
- Line 4: 4 nouns (the first two are about the first object and the second two are about the second object)
- Line 5: Three verbs (about second object)
- Line 6: Two adjectives (about second object)
- Line 7: Noun (Second object)

Noun  
Adjective, Adj.  
Verb, Verb, Verb  
Noun, Noun, Noun, Noun  
Verb, Verb, Verb  
Adjective, Adj.  
Noun

### Friday

Activities: Write a diamante poem based on Psalm 139:14 and how we treat others. The subject is 'Dignity'. Consider Jesus' attributes that drew people of all ages, states of life and values to him.