**Sunday – Humans**

* **Welcome to the ‘FIXIT Factory’ Service**
* **SONG 1: Tiny Little Me**
* **Section one: God created . . . . :**

Mark reviews what has been taught so far . . . .

“Today we are going to see some people who have a variety of skills and abilities. Each one is very different, but champions in some way and show us how wonderful human beings can be. They each can bring us joy, excitement or can help us in some amazing way!

Let’s see if you can guess who each one is?

And we can see who your favourites are!

Famous People:

1. Laura Trott

2. Katherine Grainger

3. Mo Farah

4. Peter Wilson

5. Usain Bolt

6. Greg Rutherford

7. Chris Hoy

8. Ben Ainslie

9. Jessica Ennis

These are examples of a few people who have really achieved in the sporting arena this year and brought us, especially in the UK, a lot of enjoyment.

And I could show you pictures of famous people who have made a huge difference in our world. Some through medicine and discoveries they have made, others through scientific discoveries or inventions, or people who have made a difference in people’s lives.

And do you know, as good as they are, they have all been created by our awesome God.

Let’s read what the Bible says about how God created human beings, in the first place .

**[SLIDE 1 - shown Genesis 1v26-29]**

What did God say they were like . . . . “God looked at everything He had made and it was very good!”

**[SLIDE 2 - show Genesis 1:31]**

**‘SWING – O – METER’**

Now let’s see where we should be on our ‘Swing-o-meter’. Remember from all this week.

It says:

**Made – Broken – Fixed**,

Where do you think it should be pointing now?

*[Take suggestions]*

That’s right ‘made’!

*[Get the child who answered to come up and put it on ‘made’]*

* **SONG 2: Creation song – Whole thing**
* **Section two: the world is not good now**

That was great!!

**Tea lady:** Tea, tea, who’d like a cup of tea

**Mark:** Oh look, here she is again, my old friend tea lady, hi tea lady

**Tea lady:** Oh hello Mark, how are you my love, are you ready for another nice cup of tea?

**Mark:** Oh yes thanks tea lady, I’m gasping for a good cup of tea. I was just chatting to everyone about God’s good creation again, and especially the pinnacle, the piece de resistance, the tops of everything He has made . . . . . . . human beings! And we’ve been reminding ourselves of some wonderful people in history, who have really made a difference. But actually we are all amazing!!

**Tea lady:** Oh Mark, you really are so positive. But you must be careful! People aren’t perfect you know.

**Mark:** What do you mean?

**Tea lady:** – Well let me tell you. My neighbours have been making things very difficult for us at home. We’ve got a tree in the garden that is so lovely, but it’s quite bushy and is overhanging their garden a bit.

Well they have been complaining and moaning about it and have been very difficult. We got into an argument . . . . . it wasn’t nice at all.

**Mark:**  Oh dear! Is it ok now?

**Tea Lady:** Well, no it’s not. They’re not talking to us now . . .. . . and they chopped some of the branches off and threw them over our fence!!!

It wasn’t very nice, you know.

Anyway, I must go now, I have a few things to get done this morning.

Bye.

**Mark:** Oh OK bye tea lady.

Tea lady is right again, isn’t she? It’s not all good all of the time. In fact relationships can be broken too. Not only with those people we only know a little bit, but also with those who are very, very close to us too!

But it was good once. The Bible says, in Genesis, that when God made the Garden of Eden, and put Adam & Eve in the Garden, it was very good and His relationship with them was wonderful. He looked after them, and gave them everything they needed, but He also gave them one rule for their own good. Can you remember what it was?

**[SLIDE 3 - show Genesis 2:16-17]**

God said to Adam and Eve, they could eat from any tree in the Garden except the tree of the knowledge of Good and evil.

What did we see happened with Adam & Eve?

Their disobedience of God, when they took the fruit, resulted in their **relationship with God being broken**. And they were banished from the Garden of Eden.

**[SLIDE 4 – Shove off God, I’m in charge, No to your rules!]**

What does the Bible call it when we disobey God . . . . SIN! When we tell God that we think we know better than Him, we do the same as Adam & Eve, we SIN. That’s the phrase we have been learning to explain what Sin is - “Shove off God, I’m in charge, No to your rules!”

That’s what Adam & Eve said to God by disobeying Him and it’s still true for us today as well. We regularly turn away from God and do things our way, rather than His, even though He created us.

**‘SWING – O – METER’**

Again, Tea lady has reminded us that it isn’t all good!

Now can anyone tell me where our swing-o-meter should be pointing now?

*[Take suggestions]*

Yes that’s right on ‘broken’! – our world is broken

*[Ask child to come up and move the arrow on]*

But this is the Fix it Factory and so we’re here to think about fixing things and the question is can our relationship with God be fixed? Can we move our swing-o-meter onto fixed? Well the Bible says that we can’t, but God can and He does it through Jesus.

* **Section three: God has created a future good world through Jesus**

Well it’s a good job that God has promised to fix the world through Jesus because I am terrible at fixing things myself!

[Mr Fix it theme tune on]

**Mr Fixit:** Hey Mark, no fear Mr Fixit is here! Hi children.

**Mark:** Oh hello Mr Fix it. It’s great to see you’re ok after Friday. I was very worried about you after that lion was so ferocious in the Fixit Machine!

**Mr Fixit:** I have to tell you Mark, it wasn’t great and it has taken me a little while to recover, but I’m ok now. What needs fixing today?

**Mark:** Well this is a biggy today. We need you to fix humans today.

**Mr Fixit:** WOW Mark, that is a biggy! But you know me Mark I don’t shrink back from a challenge. All I need is a good example of a broken human…ah!

**Simon:** Oh I can’t believe this phone it is rubbish it never does what I want it to do [or similar]

**Mr Fixit:** Hold on Mark I think we’ve found our broken human. Er hello excuse me could you come up here.

**Simon:** Oh what it is, I’m very busy I haven’t got time to waste! I’m having a terrible day, my phone won’t work, my neighbour is annoying me with his horrible taste in music; showing off with his flash car, windows down music blaring…wish I had a nice car like that. [or something similar].

**Mr Fixit:** Impatiant, rude, jealous; definitely our broken human Mark . . . . Well Mr Stranger good job you came this way because I am Mr Fixit and this is my fix it machine. I am going to fix you.

**Simon:** What really! I don’t need fixing it’s everyone else that needs fixing.

**Mr Fixit:** Yes, yes of course it is, always everyone else’s fault isn’t it. Here you go kneel down here.

[Do fixit them etc]

**Mr. Fixit:** And voila, one fixed human being.

**Simon:** Fixed, fixed! I’ll fix you.

[Mr Fixit exit, with Simon chasing, Mr Fixit trying to calm him down]

**Mark:** Do you know the problem with Mr Fixit was that he didn’t understand what the children have heard about all week. That the world we live in and the people in it are broken because we have walked away from our maker, our creator….SIN etc. We can try to be good, we can try harder but…

It’s a good thing that God has promised to fix our broken world, including our relationship with Him, because we’re not going to be able to do it ourselves are we!

The problem is our hearts. We have a heart problem!

Our hearts aren’t fully for God, when they should be, because of all He has done for us.

Well God promised us, right from the beginning, that He would fix our heart problem and relationship with Him, forever. Listen to what the Bible says in . . . . . . . . . . . . . Ezekiel 36v26-27!

**[SLIDE 5 - Ezekiel 36v26-27]**

God promises a New Heart, to replace our sinful heart of stone.

But just before we sing again we need to understand how God can make such an amazing promise. Our world is broken because of sin, so it will be fixed when God deals with sin. Well the good news is that He has already done that. The Bible says that when Jesus, God’s son, died on the cross 2000 years ago he saved us from our sin and fixed our relationship with God.

**[SLIDE 6 - show cross &1 Peter 3v18]**

**[SLIDE 7 - show ‘Separation from God’ and His rescue through Jesus!’]**

So although we still have to wait for it to be completely fixed, we know that if we believe and trust in Jesus, God gives us a heart of flesh immediately, and promises that we will one day be a part of His fixed world, in the New Jerusalem.

**‘SWING – O – METER’**

Now where do we need to put our pointer on our swing-o-meter?

Yes that’s right on fixed!

God has promised

And we’re going to sing again about our Amazing God and what He has done in Jesus to rescue us and make everything new.

* **SONG 3: So Amazing God**
* **QUIZ**
* **SONG 4: The Day**
* **PRAYERS:**

**MEMORY VERSES:**

**Tuesday:**

Rev 21v5a The One who was sitting on the throne said, "Look! I am making everything new!"

**Wednesday:**

Mark 4v41 “What kind of man is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!”

**Thursday:**

Rev 22v2 “The tree of life was on both sides of the river. Its leaves are for the healing of all people.”

**Friday:**

Isaiah 11v6 Then wolves will live in peace with lambs, and leopards will lie down to rest with goats.

Calves, lions, and young bulls will eat together, and a little child will lead them.