The Way of Jesus the Teacher

The greatness of Jesus lies in his “way” of teaching. Jesus describes himself as “the way, the truth and the life” (John 14:6). This truth is not just about correct teaching but a way of life shown in the way that Jesus lived, died and was resurrected.

When Jesus said he was the WAY he was thinking both about a pathway to be followed and a way of life that reflected the will of God. The early Christians were often referred to as “followers of the way” (Acts 24:14 and 22) because they spoke about following the way Jesus lived.

The central theme of Jesus’ teaching was the Kingdom of God. When Jesus described himself as the way, the truth and the life he was telling his disciples that the way to live in his kingdom and the way to the Father and to inherit eternal life was not to be found in a set of teachings. Instead, it was to be found in him and in following the way he lived. Jesus taught that life is found in relationship with him. As his disciple John later said,

“And this is the testimony; God has given us eternal life and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life”. (1 John 5:11-12)

If teachers are to follow Jesus, not only as Lord and Saviour, but also as Teacher, it is important that they try to understand his way of teaching. There are some important things that can be noted:

- Jesus taught using many different methods, including parables which ‘hid’ the truth (see Mathew 13) and preaching which ‘declared’ the truth (see the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7)
- His method of teaching did not follow any strict pattern but was responsive to the particular context and learners.
- His teachings were filled with paradoxes or contradictions that made people think deeply and often his teaching did not lead to easy answers.
- Jesus found teaching opportunities in unexpected places and used unusual methods often leaving people with a question rather than an answer.
Recently Luke Simpkins MP, our Federal Member visited the School and met with Mr Pedro Cruz, the school Principal, to announce that we would be receiving a capital grant of $1.3 Million. This money will be used for the first stage of the new primary school which will comprise four general learning areas, an activity area, two teaching areas, offices, stores, an interview room, a communication room and toilets.

Luke said, “It is great to see our Government once again recognise the importance of providing and improving school capital infrastructure and to do so here at Emmanuel Christian Community School is particularly pleasing for me as the local member. I have always enjoyed my visits here and I look forward to seeing the great work of ECCS continue into the future at the new school.”

CLASS WILL FINISH
AT 1:30 PM
On Thursday
3rd December 2015

Children need to be collected promptly on this day to get ready for the concert.

END OF SCHOOL — CONCERT NIGHT
Children need to be dropped at
WOODVALE BAPTIST CHURCH
67 Woodvale Dr, Woodvale WA 6026 (Map enclosed)

By 6:10 PM
CONCERT STARTS at 6:30 PM SHARP!
We are holding a party to celebrate the end of year and **YOU** and **YOUR FAMILY** are invited to come and join in our **Country Bush Dance**.

**When** : Friday, 4th December

**Time** : 10am-12pm (siren at 9:15 am, then to classroom until 10 am)

**Where** : Emmanuel Christian Community School Grounds

**What to wear** : Checked shirt, shorts or jeans, cowboy hat, plaited hair, boots.

**What to bring** : Make sure your lunch order form is back by **TUESDAY, 1st Dec**

**Cost** : See order form for details

**Teachers, students, parents & friends**

Get ready to **Dance, dance, dance**!

Parents please collect your child PROMPTLY.

Thank You
On Thursday November 12th our Year 6 class graduated from primary school! Their graduation took place before their family and friends, the School Board, Church Pastors and school staff in a formal ceremony in the church.

The school song was performed beautifully by the Fitch family and the school choir presented a “farewell” song to the Graduates.

As is our custom, parents handed the graduation plaques to their children in recognition that parents are their child’s first and most important teachers and the school joins with them in the task of education.

This was followed by a sit down supper where guests were shown their seats and served throughout the evening by some of the year seven students. The students and parents enjoyed DVD presentations of the many school events of 2015 captured on film and photo (some funny, some interesting!!) and musical items were presented by past students—Todd, Lauren & Brent Pegrum and Joshua Jones.

It was a very special & enjoyable evening of celebration as we concluded with a prayer of blessing for each family as they head into the future. Thanks to Mr Travis Fitch & Mr Dougal Steven for their concluding message.

TO ALL THE GRADUATES, CONGRATULATIONS and MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY INTO HIGH SCHOOL!
I Woke Up In The Morning And I Was A Giant
I woke up in the morning and I was a giant. I brushed my teeth. Then I said my toothbrush is too small. Then I decided to brush my teeth with a broom. After I dressed into my school uniform. When I was walking I accidentally stepped on a bus. When I was at school, I sat down. Then the desk broke. I had to sit on the floor. The doctor gave me a special medicine. After that I turned back to me.
~ Wade Mabok ~

The Day I Was A Big Giant
I was a giant! When I woke up I brushed my teeth. The toothbrush was too small. When I went inside the shops I was so big. When I was going for a jog the ground was rumbling so I went back home. The roof was broken. I didn’t know what to do! I went back to sleep and then I was back to normal. I didn’t know what had happened.
~ Areji Chuot ~

I Woke Up and I Was a Giant
I woke up and I was a giant! I was scared. I felt worried. I was lonely. I was very big. When I jumped the ground shook. I was scared because when I jumped I hit the classroom roof. I went to visit the scientists to ask them to turn me back to normal.
~ Malachi West ~

The Day That I Was A Giant!
I woke up and I was a giant! I was big! I was enormous! I have never felt like this before. I need to find a science man. Where can I find one? I think I know! I went to the science shop. Finally I found one. I went in there. I saw an office so I went in. I asked the man. He said that he was going to make a shrinking potion. When it was finished he gave it to me and I drank it. I was feeling terrific as I was normal again! Yay! I thanked the man. I went home feeling happy again. I hope it doesn’t happen again. I love being myself again!
~ Joycie Truong ~

Simon the Normal Giant
I woke up and I was a giant! Then I broke my bed. After that I was about to brush my teeth but then my toothbrush was so small that I broke it so I had to get something bigger like a broom. Then I was really hungry so I ate but then it was really small so I ate it in one bite. Then I could not fit in my car so I had to walk to school. When I went to school I broke some stuff. It was our turn on the playground. I broke the playground. When it was recess my food was really small. When it was home time I had to walk back. I saw a lab. I went in. One of the science men turned me back. I was glad I was myself. The End.
~ Simon Lung Um ~
The Huge Giant
I woke up in the morning and I looked in the mirror. I was ginormous! My feet were huge. My hands were huge. I went to brush my teeth with the toothbrush but I realised that the toothbrush was tiny so I got a broom and brushed my teeth with it. It was the city excursion. I walked slowly to the buildings. The buildings were small. I knocked down some buildings. I saw a really tall building. I wasn’t looking and I accidentally stepped on the bus. It drove me home. It was night time. I fell off the bus then I woke. I was just dreaming!
~ Josiah Lokose ~

The Very Nice Giant
I woke up this morning and I was a big giant. One day I went to school riding my bike but it broke so I had to walk. When I got there all my friends wanted to go on a long excursion so I took them on a slow one. When we all got back, one of my friends took me to a witch’s hut and the witch cast a spell of coming back to normal size. The End.
~ Katy Schinkel ~

The Very Unusual Giant
I woke up and I was a giant! I could not believe it! When I got out of bed my house was cracked into two pieces. I was going to school. I walked to school and I stopped for a drink and suddenly I grew taller! I thought to myself “I think I am an unusual giant”. Suddenly a princess came with her magic wand and just with a twinkle I came back to my normal size. I felt happy that I could be me.
~ Hadassah Ayambo ~

The Big Giant
I woke up in the morning and I was a giant! I was so frightened when I saw myself in the mirror. When I went to change clothes, my clothes were small. So I had to stay in the clothes I was wearing. When I finished breakfast I went to school. I had to run because I did not know how to drive. When I got to school my friends and my teacher were waiting for a long time so they could go on the bus. But I suggested I could take them but I didn’t know where they were going. I asked my teacher where. She said a zoo so I went to any zoo and when I got there I turned back to normal size. The End.
~ Eliana Reyes ~

The Day I was A Giant!
I woke up in the morning and I was a very big giant. I didn’t know what to do and I was scared because it was a disaster. When I went to the bathroom I saw the toothbrush. It was so small. I saw the big broom then suddenly I brushed my teeth. Then I ate breakfast with a big bowl. I went to school. Everyone was scared. Then I was studying maths at school. When the bell rang I didn’t want to go outside because everyone was telling me to come on. I didn’t listen to them. When I rushed to run I was getting my lunch. When I heard the bell I lined up in the classroom but then the teacher was doing science. We waited then it was home time. I went back home then I went to bed. The next day when the rain fell down I took my umbrella. It was too small. I went to the shops with my mum and dad. We saw a science shop to see how to shrink down. I took a bottle of shrinking bottle. After that we went home and it was bed time. Finally I shrank back to normal.
~ Riak Duot ~
Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.

Tree and rainbow art made out of different colourful bottle tops!!!
Mini Soccer board game — Wanna play???

Check out our magnet fishing game!!!!

Now this is a Car garage!!!

What about this very cool robot with spiky hair made of bottle corks and big round eyes!

And for some of us, we just painted jars...
SCHOOL FEES NEED TO BE SETTLED BEFORE END OF THIS TERM!!!!
Thank you to all the parents who have already paid their fees for this year. For parents that have not yet paid, PLEASE ENSURE THAT PAYMENT of all your OUTSTANDING FEES are FULLY PAID BY Friday, 4th December.

IMPORTANT DATES!!!!
The school Office will be CLOSED from Monday, 14th Dec and will REOPEN on Monday, 18th January 2016.
TERM 1 2016 — COMMENCES on Monday, 1st of Feb 2016.
TERM 1 UNIFORM — SUMMER

STATIONERY ORDERS (BOOKLIST) - 2016
The Booklist for 2016 have been given to the students. PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE to PLACE YOUR ORDER ONLINE is 4th December NOT 23rd November. NO LATE FEES will be charged if you place your ORDERS before the 4th of December. After this date, LATE FEE will be charged $17.50.

ORDERS WILL NOT BE DELIVERED TO THE SCHOOL
Please READ the specific INSTRUCTIONS about YOUR ORDERING AND DELIVERY and complete details ONLINE as indicated on the form.
Extra copies of the 2016 Booklists are available in the school office if your child did not get a copy or have lost their copy.

LAST SUBWAY LUNCH ORDERS!!!
PLEASE RETURN YOUR ORDER FORMS this Friday, 27th November. Subway lunch will be given on TUESDAY, 1st December.

We are sorry that NO LATE ORDERS can be accepted.
Junior Christian Endeavor
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The Obstacle in Our Path

By: Lee Ryan Miller

In ancient times, a king had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the king for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the big stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. On approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. As the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the king indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many others never understand. Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve one's condition.