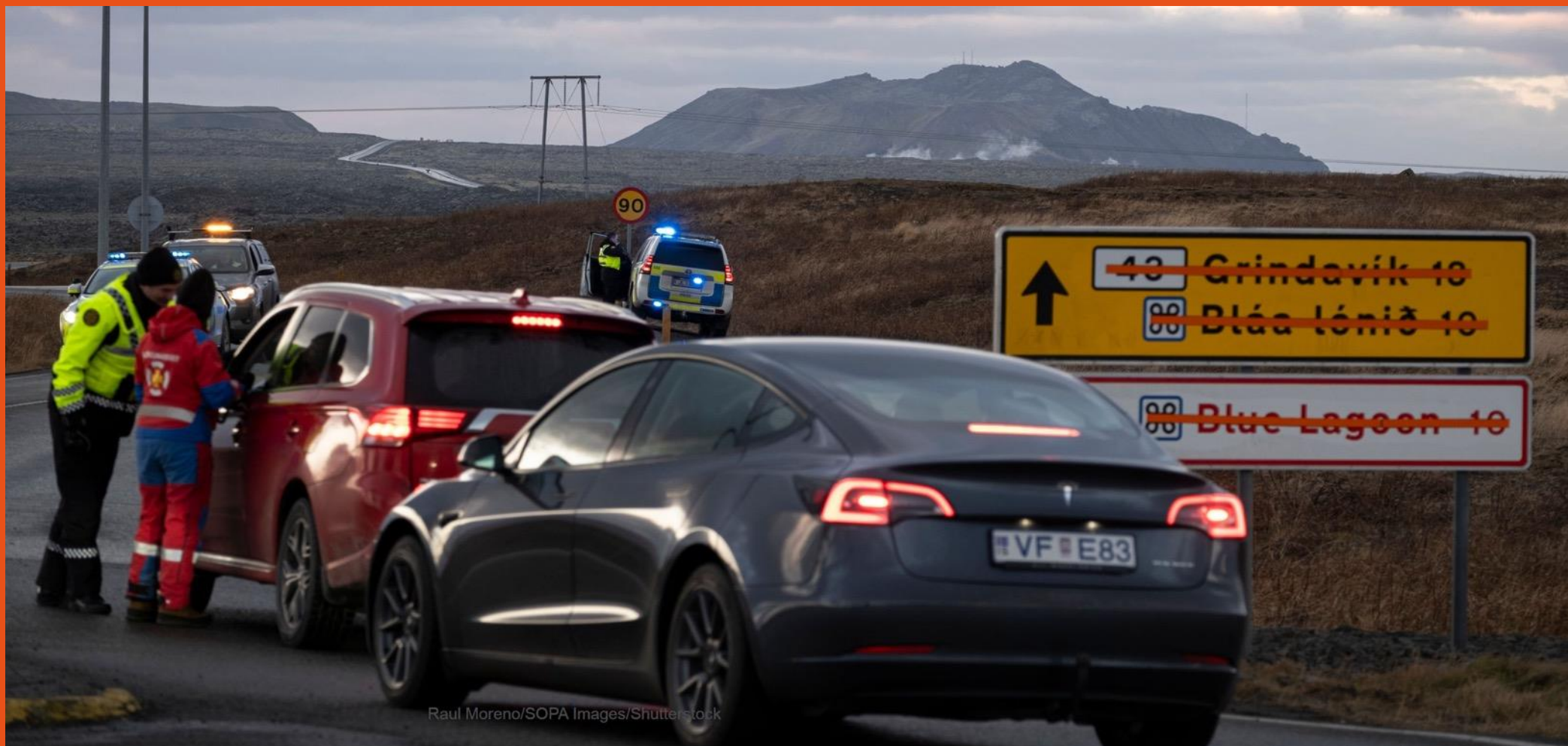


What's happening in the news this week?



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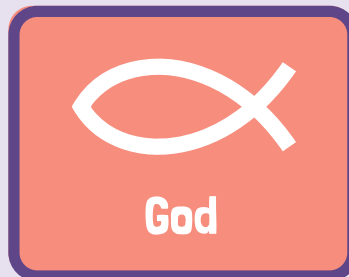
Let's have a look at this week's poster!

4th - 10th December 2023



You're never alone

Christian Value: Faith





Scientists monitoring a volcano in Iceland have said an eruption could happen. The Fagradalsfjall volcano previously erupted two years ago, in 2021 - the first time in over 800 years. It is now thought that the volcano is the cause of a series of earthquakes, which started this October. An underground river of magma led to the evacuation of 4,000 people from the town of Grindavik and Iceland has declared a state of emergency. People who live there have since been allowed to return just to collect belongings, with the likelihood of eruptions remaining high.



Think together and talk





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- **What do you think it takes to overcome difficult times?**
- **Who helps and supports you when you are finding things difficult?**
- **Have you ever helped someone facing a difficult time? How did you help?**



What is it like to live through an uncertain time?



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**What does the Bible
have to say?**





Throughout our lives, we may experience difficult times and know or hear of others who are facing difficulties. God never leaves us; he is always with us. He isn't there to stop bad things from happening, but he is there to help us through.



Footprints in the Sand – Mary Stevenson



One night I dreamed I was walking
along the beach with the Lord.
Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.
In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.
Sometimes there were two sets of footprints,
other times there were one set of footprints.

This bothered me because I noticed that
during the low periods of my life, when I was
suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat,
I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to the Lord, “You promised me
Lord, that if I followed you,
you would walk with me always.
But I have noticed that during the most trying periods
of my life there have only been
one set of footprints in the sand.
Why, when I needed you most,
you have not been there for me?”

The Lord replied,
“The times when you have
seen only one set of footprints,
is when I carried you.’



The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

Deuteronomy 31:8





What do others think?





It is only in our darkest hours that we may discover the true strength of the brilliant light within ourselves that can never, ever, be dimmed.



**Doe Zantamata - author,
photographer and graphic designer**



Time to be quiet and to pray





Prayer

Dear God,

When I feel alone, help me
remember you will never leave me,
Help me to be there for others when
they face difficulties,

Thank you for giving me strength,
courage and your love,

Amen



Continue thinking





Key Stage 1 class discussion

- Have you ever found something difficult, perhaps something in school or when learning a new skill? How did you feel?
- Make a list of different things you could do when you find something difficult e.g., ask someone for help, draw a picture, write down how you feel, have a break.



Key Stage 2 class discussion

- Discuss ways you can help friends, family and people you know who might be facing difficult times.
- Have you ever helped someone you don't know get through a difficult time? Perhaps you helped raise awareness, fundraised or campaigned?
- Do you think people always want to be helped when facing difficulties? Explain your thoughts.



Time to worship

Click [here](#) for the hymn online





Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray,
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Keep me burning till the break of day.





Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings,
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.





Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Give me love in my heart, I pray,
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Keep me serving till the break of day.





Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings,
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.





Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing,
Give me joy in my heart, I pray,
Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing,
Keep me singing till the break of day.





Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings,
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.





Give me faith in my heart, keep me praying,
Give me faith in my heart, I pray,
Give me faith in my heart, keep me praying,
Keep me praying till the break of day.





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