## **Grow Communities**

Grow Communities are all about helping children and young people flourish in their faith in ways that work for them!

"We've loved the Grow Community being part of the spiritual development of our children. The variety of activities offered to the children through singing, art, craft, and stories has really captured them.

Thank you so much for being part of their journey!"

**RE Lead** 



Our Schools Team has had feedback from both pupils and staff on many occasions that while our 'Question of Faith' RE sessions are excellent, there isn't always the time during these visits for a more in-depth exploration of faith and spirituality.

This is something we know that schools have been interested in pursuing for some time, but which we have unfortunately not been able to accommodate, until now!

A 'Grow Community' might function like a mini 'Question of Faith' session, where pupils would have the opportunity to explore the Christian faith through stories, games, and crafts, etc. but it would ultimately be shaped by the pupils for their peers.

This peer-shaped, peer-served, but adult-guided 'Grow Community' could look like a weekly lunch-time club or after-school group, which would help the children or young people who attend to explore and flourish in their Christian faith.

As a Local Mission Partner with Scripture Union, we are launching 'Grow Communities' in Schools across the Southampton region. Scripture Union has seen lots of evidence that children and young people thrive in relevant and culturally appropriate worshipping communities that are designed around them, their needs, union and their interests.









