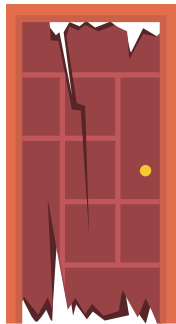


Parable of the Doors

Once upon a time, a skilled carpenter stood before a beautifully crafted door. As they admired their work, they began to share five important lessons with the door:

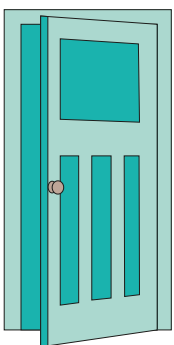
1. **You will always make an impact.** Dear Door, every time you open or close, you can change the lives of those who pass through you.



2. **Mistakes can be fixed.** You might get a few scrapes or be broken at times, but you can be repaired or adjusted.



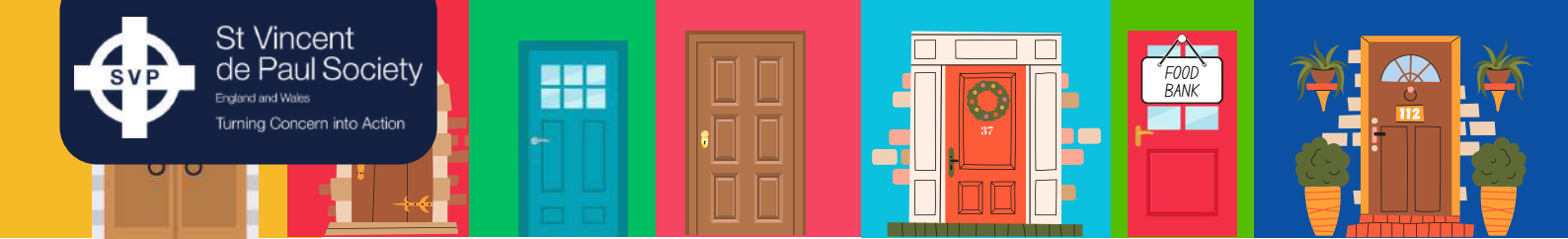
3. **Strength is what matters inside.** Even though your surface may be beautiful, it's the hinges and the working handle that make you reliable.



4. **Sometimes you need to be patient.** Sometimes you may take time to open smoothly. There may be things in your way or your hinges may get rusty. Be patient and you will be able to open.



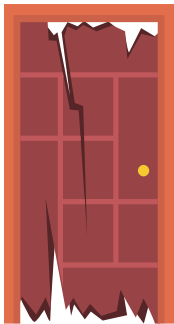
5. **You are a gateway to welcome.** When you swing open, this is an invitation for others to walk through you.



The door listened carefully, taking in all the wisdom of the carpenter. From that day on, it stood proudly, ready to create connections and welcome all who approached.

Now, replace the door with you...

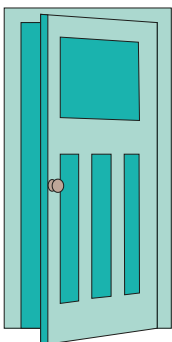
1. **You will always make an impact.** Remember, your presence and kind actions can change a moment for someone.



2. **Mistakes can be fixed.** In moments when we're feeling sad, or when you haven't been kind to others, know that God is always with you to forgive, help you grow, and be the best person He made you to be.



3. **Strength is what matters inside.** In times when we don't feel strong, remember that Christ is always in our hearts and is our strength in those challenging times.



4. **Sometimes you need to be patient.** In life, good things often come with time. It's in the waiting that we can grow closer to God and know that what He has planned for us is what's best for us.



5. **You are a gateway to welcome.** Your ability to welcome people is a gift. Share the Light of Christ with everyone you meet. You can bring joy, friendship, and share your experiences with others.