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**'Accept one another as Christ accepted you.'**

**Summer 2 2021**

**Collective Worship Planning**

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## At all times remember the following:

1. Collective worship is more than 'just a statutory requirement,' or 'another thing I have to do.' Worship has the potential to **set the tone for your whole day** and is a key driver for delivering messages of hope, courage and endurance in a challenging time.
2. Worship in a classroom space can be difficult. Invest in a **routine** which signifies that something different and special is about to happen. Create a focal point and consider seating arrangements carefully.
3. **Let the children lead.** Younger children always want to get involved and their responsibilities will be small in comparison with the capabilities of older children. Younger children can participate by leading the gathering, choosing artefacts for the focal point or reading a prayer standing at the front. Older children should be able to plan acts of worship from Bible stories or themes. Consider putting them all on a rota, allocating them stories and seeing what they put together!
4. There must be an **opportunity to worship God**. Worship is an attitude of the heart focused on God. In a school situation this will involve leading people to the threshold of worship by providing a setting where they may worship God if they so wish. As a class teacher you will be used to filling every moment, but do not be afraid to leave empty spaces and silence for children to meet and experience God should they want to.
5. It is important that we remember collective worship should be inclusive, inspirational and invitational no matter where it is held or who is leading.
  - **Inclusive:** something for children and teachers, of all faiths or of none to be able to join in with.
  - **Inspirational:** a time in the day to think about the big questions in our lives; an occasion that supports the school community's spiritual development.
  - **Invitational:** an opportunity for those of any religious faith or none to focus and reflect on stimuli which allow the human spirit to respond with integrity.
6. The main elements of **G-E-R-S** (gather – engage – respond - send) should be present in each act of worship. This will help children to understand the Anglican structure of worship and it also really helps to have a structure to follow each day. You could use the Flippin' Praise booklet to help you – see 'Working on Worship 20 – Flippin Praise' available at <https://www.cofesuffolk.org/schools/school-leaders/collective-worship/collective-worship-resources/>
7. There should be a focus on **Biblical or Christian content** in each worship session. This content should be explored and made relevant to life today.

**It is the task of collective worship to provide a setting in which the integrity of those present is not compromised but in which everyone finds something positive for themselves.**

## Notes on using the collective worship plans

The following collective worship planning has been written to provide you with a starting point. The themes chosen to reflect this time of challenge for many children.

Each week is on one page in an easy to refer to format. It will not be needed by all teachers or schools but is available to those who would benefit from it. Each school will have a different structure to worship over the week and will have developed their own approaches to daily class-based worship based on this. The following structure is just a suggestion and one way of using this resource.

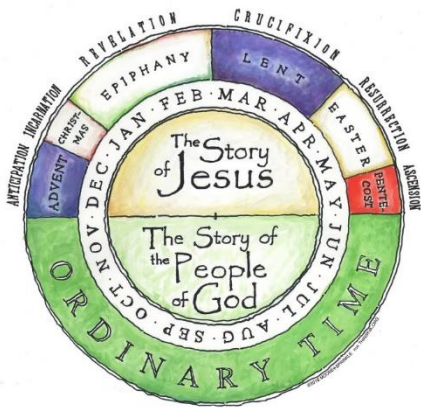
### Structure for the week:

<b>Monday</b>	Collective worship linked to the current value or theme. These worships (or at least the engage) could be delivered by one person across the school by zoom or a pre-recorded video.
<b>Tuesday</b>	Collective worship with Christian content linked to the value/theme.
<b>Wednesday</b>	On a Wednesday schools could develop their worship by working through a collection of Bible stories – one story at a time in order. This could be as simple as starting at the beginning of the Lion Storyteller Bible (used by Open the Book) and reading one story at a time, or starting at the New Testament stories. There are plenty of different Bible story collections to use and most teachers will have access to one. When stories are read – variations of the same questions could be asked: What did you like about the story? What do you think the story meant? What can we learn about the story? What will you remember about it? What does this story tell us about being human? What does it reveal about God? What if this happened today? And others of course!
<b>Thursday</b>	Collective worship with a focus on prayer and reflection.
<b>Friday</b>	Many schools will choose to end the week with a celebration of learning and behaviour. However, it is important that this celebration assembly still includes opportunities to worship and so every Friday suggestions are included.

### Other notes:

- Feel free to use your own school's gatherings and sendings rather than the suggested ones.
- Focus on the quality of the time rather than the quantity. Five minutes of really good input and time for reflection is better than 15 mins of time filling. What is important is that you use the time you have wisely and that worship contributes to a child's education as well as allowing an opportunity to learn about and meet with God. Print off the plans and put them somewhere easily accessible in your classroom to refer to.
- Find creative ways to **make reference to your schools unique context and vision.**
- The sending should be developed to give children something to think about or put into action over the course of the day.





## The Church Calendar

The church now enters a time of quiet growth called ordinary time. This is the time between festivals, a time which allows for continuous reading from the Bible, for the exploration of other themes such as creation and the environment, and for creative responses to saints' days.

Green is the colour for ordinary time: it is the colour of growth. During this season, the Church—Christ's body—focus on carrying out his work of transformation in the world.

## The theme for this half term: accepting one another

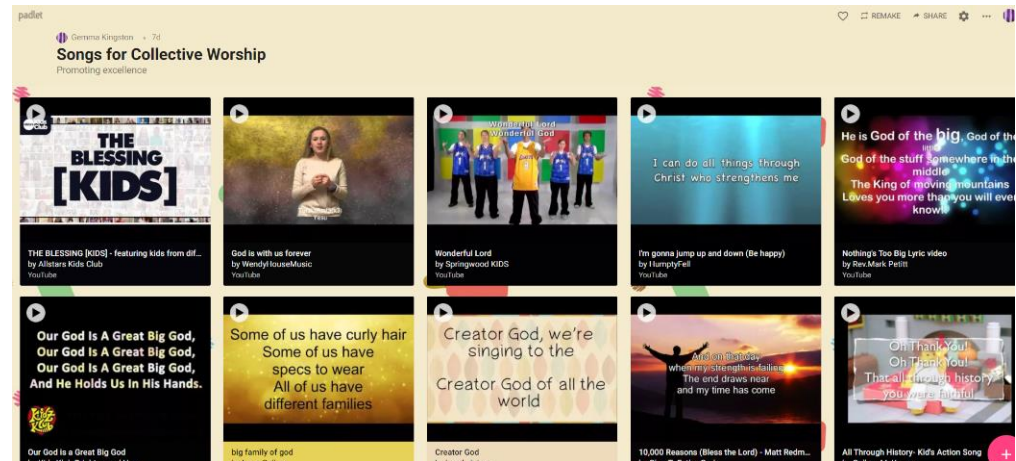
Christians believe that every single person is created in the image of God and therefore of equal and inherent worth. Our difference and diversity is our strength and a beautiful expression of who we are and who God is. The Bible speaks often about God's love and acceptance of us all and how we should be accepting of others. Jesus showed us that all human beings are to be accepted, to be loved for their own sake, simply because they are created in the image of the loving Father. Acceptance is a part of love and is non-judgemental. We accept ourselves as children of God – fearfully and wonderfully made by a creator and we accept others for who they are, as they are.

**Accept one another as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.**

- Romans 15:7

## Songs – NEW!

Suggested songs are included for each week. Find more songs here: [Songs for Collective Worship \(padlet.org\)](https://www.padlet.org)



Week 1 Song for this week: **Creator God - YouTube**

07.06.21	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Theme</b>	<b>You were created in the image of God</b>	<b>See yourself as God sees you</b>	<b>Next Bible story from class collection</b>	<b>Reflection/ St Barnabas Day</b>	<b>Celebration</b>
<b>Gather</b> We prepare to meet with God	<b>Leader</b> - The Lord is good <b>Response</b> - <b>He made us and we belong to him</b>	<b>Leader</b> - The Lord is good <b>Response</b> - <b>He made us and we belong to him</b>	<b>Leader</b> - The Lord is here <b>Response</b> - <b>His spirit is with us</b>	<b>Leader</b> - Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray. Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Response</b> - <b>Amen</b>	<b>Leader</b> - This is the day that the Lord has made. <b>Response</b> - <b>Let us rejoice and be glad in it</b>
<b>Engage</b> We encounter Jesus and the stories of the Bible. We listen for God's message to us.	Read the creation story from a storybook Bible. <a href="#">The Story of Creation   The Book of Genesis   What's in the Bible? - YouTube</a> Then Genesis 1:27 → <i>God created man in His own image.</i> We all look different but Christians believe we are all created in God's image, are loved by God, and are precious to him. When we look at each other we see the image of God. How can we develop ways of looking at someone so that we see God's image within them? How can we act and speak that encourages and includes everyone?	God wants us to think rightly about ourselves and other people. Proverbs 17:5 says, 'If you make fun of poor people, you insult the God who made them. You will be punished if you take pleasure in someone's misfortune.' God is very displeased with anyone who makes fun of another person. If you do, you are upsetting God because he is the one who made that person.  Our attitude toward ourselves is perhaps the most important attitude of all because it affects our attitude toward our family, our friends and others. It also affects our work and our chances of success. People who have a poor self-image usually have trouble getting along with other people.  To look down on yourself or to despise yourself is just as wrong as looking down on or despising another person.	Read the story Depending on the age of your class you could ask: I wonder... What did you like about the story? What do you think the story meant? What can we learn from the story? What will you remember about it? What does this story tell us about being human? What does it reveal about God? What if this happened today?	Tomorrow is St Barnabas day. He is often called 'the encourager.' He sold everything and gave his money to help spread the word about Jesus. He became part of the family of early Christians. <a href="#">The Early Christians The amazing story of Barnabas - YouTube</a>  How could we encourage others with our words and actions?	<b><u>We gather together to celebrate our gifts and talents which are given to us from God and which are precious to him.</u></b>  When people let us down, it can be hard. Numbers 23:19 says 'God is not like people, who lie; He is not a human who changes his mind. Whatever he promises, he does; He speaks, and it is done.' God doesn't one day like you and say you have value, then the next day decide that you're no longer valuable. God always thinks you're valuable. He always sees your best. God will always come through for you! <u>Let's celebrate those children who have nurtured their talents and used their gifts in the service of others.</u>
<b>Respond</b> We respond to what we have heard and seen. We are given the opportunity to worship together.	Almighty God, creator and redeemer, we praise you for your work of creation; for the beauty of the world around us and for every gift we enjoy. Accept, O God, our praise and thanksgiving through Jesus Christ our Lord.	God, you are everything to us, giving us life, filling us with love, and setting us free from sin that we might live in you. Accept the work of our hands this day, take our lives, give us your peace and renew us in the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen	Listen to a piece of classical music or music for reflection thinking about the theme, message or story.	Father God, help me to be an encouragement to others. Thank You also Lord, that You are our God of encouragement, and that we have your spirit to help and to comfort in times of need. May I not miss an opportunity to encourage others in times of need. I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.	<b>Give children the opportunity to be still and thank God for all he has provided for us.</b>  May the LORD bless you and protect you. May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you. May the LORD show you his favour and give you his peace.
<b>Send</b> sent out to love and serve	Go in the peace of Christ. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen</b>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. <b>In the name of Christ. Amen</b>	We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory. <b>Amen</b>	May the light of Christ shine in all our hearts <b>Amen.</b>

Week 2 Song: [This little light of mine - YouTube](#)

14.06.21	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Accepting those who are different – Peter and Cornelius</b>	<b>Jesus said - Healthy people do not need a doctor but sick people do.</b>	<b>Next Bible story from class collection</b>	<b>Reflection</b>	<b>Celebration</b>
<b>Gather</b> We prepare to meet with God	<b>Leader</b> - The Lord is good <b>Response</b> - <b>He made us and we belong to him</b>	<b>Leader</b> - The Lord is good <b>Response</b> - <b>He made us and we belong to him</b>	<b>Leader</b> - The Lord is here <b>Response</b> - <b>His spirit is with us</b>	<b>Leader</b> - Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray. Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Response</b> - <b>Amen</b>	<b>Leader</b> - This is the day that the Lord has made. <b>Response</b> - <b>Let us rejoice and be glad in it</b>
<b>Engage</b> We encounter Jesus and the stories of the Bible. We listen for God's message to us.	How should we treat people who are different from us? Watch the story from Acts 10 <a href="#">Peter Visited Cornelius: The Gospel Project for Kids - YouTube</a> Cornelius was not a Jew, but he loved and served God faithfully. When he met Peter it was unusual because, at that time, it was against the rules of the Jews for them to visit with Gentiles (people who were not Jew). Jews believed that they were the only people who could be a part of God's family because God told them that they were His chosen ones. When Peter went and visited Cornelius, Peter realised that God accepted people of all nations who feared him and did what was right. Peter accepted Cornelius because God asked him to and they became friends. God also asks us to accept others as He accepts us (Romans 15:7).	Matthew was very rich and so was always very well dressed but although he looked good, he was not very happy as he did not have any friends. He was Jewish, but worked for the Romans. The Romans had taken over the town and made the Jewish people pay huge taxes to them, so people really didn't like them very much. Matthew's job was to gather in these Roman taxes. <a href="#">Jesus Calls Matthew - YouTube</a> There were lots of things wrong in Matthew's life, such as greed and selfishness – But Jesus wanted to be friends with him! He must have been so surprised that this man whom everybody wanted to be near had asked him, unpopular and sinful Matthew, to be his follower! Jesus said that he came to help those who needed it. Jesus does not limit his love. He loves everyone just the same. We can love and accept others even if we don't like what they do. It is easy to want to avoid children who often do wrong. The Bible says that we shouldn't be concerned about what another person is doing, but rather we should be concerned about our own actions.	Read the story Depending on the age of your class you could ask: I wonder... What did you like about the story? What do you think the story meant? What can we learn from the story? What will you remember about it? What does this story tell us about being human? What does it reveal about God? What if this happened today?	What makes you different from the person sitting next to you? Are all our differences physical or something else? How would you describe that difference? Some of our differences are on the outside. A lot of them are on the inside. The Bible says, 'for who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive?' 1 Corinthians 4:7. We should all be thankful for our many differences. These all came to us by birth and they all came from God. Our special gifts and abilities should be recognised for what they are—God's gifts to us.	<b><u>We gather together to celebrate our gifts and talents which are given to us from God and which are precious to him.</u></b> Small children are often happy just being themselves and having what they have. But as children begin growing up, they start looking around and comparing themselves with others. It is then that many of them decide that they got a "raw deal" in life because they are not as good looking as So-and-So, or as smart as So and-So, or they do not have money like So-and So. But God tells us not to do this. The Bible says, "...they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise." 2 Corinthians 10:12. We must remember little good comes from comparing ourselves to others. <u>Let's celebrate those children who have nurtured their talents and used their gifts in the service of others.</u>
<b>Respond</b> We respond to what we have heard and seen. We are given the opportunity to worship together.	Dear God, Thank you for the friends you have given me. For the rest found in knowing acceptance. For the blessing found in being encouraged. Let my words always be beneficial to those who hear them. In the name of Jesus Amen.	The Bible tells us that we should pray for people who mistreat us. For example, if a child is not fun to play with because they do not share toys, it is easy to choose not to play with them. But Jesus would rather that we pray for them and ask that they will learn to share. Allow children the opportunity to pray for someone they would usually avoid, or reflect on today's message.	Listen to a piece of classical music or music for reflection thinking about the theme, message or story.	Allow children a few moments quiet to say thank you to God for his many gifts or a quiet moment of reflection.	<b>Give children the opportunity to be still and thank God for all he has provided for us.</b> May the LORD bless you and protect you. May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you. May the LORD show you his favour and give you his peace.
<b>Send</b> sent out to love and serve	Go in the peace of Christ. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen</b>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. <b>In the name of Christ. Amen</b>	We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory. <b>Amen</b>	May the light of Christ shine in all our hearts <b>Amen.</b>

Week 3 Song: **Big family of god - YouTube**

21.06.21	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Jesus and the woman at the well</b>	<b>Who is my neighbour?</b>	<b>Next Bible story from class collection</b>	<b>Reflection</b>	<b>Celebration</b>
<b>Gather</b> We prepare to meet with God	<b>Leader</b> - The Lord is good <b>Response - He made us and we belong to him</b>	<b>Leader</b> - The Lord is good <b>Response - He made us and we belong to him</b>	<b>Leader</b> - The Lord is here <b>Response- His spirit is with us</b>	<b>Leader</b> - Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray. Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Response - Amen</b>	<b>Leader</b> - This is the day that the Lord has made. <b>Response - Let us rejoice and be glad in it</b>
<b>Engage</b> We encounter Jesus and the stories of the Bible. We listen for God's message to us.	Jesus stopped at a well in a region called Samaria. In those days, Jews did not speak to people who came from Samaria. Jews and Samaritans hated each other and had fought with each other for many, many years. <a href="#">The Woman at the Well (John 4) - YouTube</a> What did Jesus say to the woman that made her believe that he was the Saviour of the world? Because Jesus told her things about her life that no ordinary stranger could have known, the woman believed Jesus when he told her that he was the Saviour of the world. She went and told the people from her town about Jesus. Many other Samaritans, when they heard the woman's story about Jesus, also believed that Jesus was the Saviour of the world. God accepted the Samaritan woman into His family. He asks us to accept others as He does.	<a href="#">The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) - YouTube</a> Why do you think the first two men did not want to help the wounded man? These men may have been afraid of being hurt themselves, or they may have been concerned that if they helped the man, that they would not be allowed to do their jobs at the temple. How did the Samaritan show love to the injured man? Was it difficult for the Samaritan man to help the injured man? Why do we choose not to help people sometimes? Can you think of some ways we could help the people who are our neighbours? How do love and acceptance go together? When he reached the end of this story, Jesus said, "Go and do likewise." It makes God happy when we show His love to others by being kind, caring and fair.	Read the story Depending on the age of your class you could ask: I wonder... What did you like about the story? What do you think the story meant? What can we learn from the story? What will you remember about it? What does this story tell us about being human? What does it reveal about God? What if this happened today?	Re visit the story of the Good Samaritan.  <a href="#">bible-chat-mat-jesus-the-storyteller.pdf</a> <a href="#">(d3hgrrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net)</a>	<b>We gather together to celebrate our gifts and talents which are given to us from God and which are precious to him.</b> When you open the windows, do you have to beg the fresh air to come in? Or do you have to argue with the sun to make it shine in your room? Course not! The Bible says it's like this with God's peace. It will flow into our hearts if we let it. So if you are worrying about something, don't try and work it out all by yourself. Let God's peace flow in. 'Let the peace that comes from Christ, rule in your hearts.' Colossians 3:15  <u><a href="#">Let's celebrate those children who have nurtured their talents and used their gifts in the service of others</a></u>
<b>Respond</b> We respond to what we have heard and seen. We are given the opportunity to worship together.	A prayer from the Amish tradition: O God, We give thanks for the goodhearted people Who love us and do good to us and who show their mercy and kindness by providing us with food and drink, house and shelter when we are in trouble or need. Amen	Dear God When I see someone in trouble, May I know when to stop and help And when to hurry to fetch help, But may I never pass by, Pretending I did not see. Amen	Listen to a piece of classical music or music for reflection thinking about the theme, message or story.	As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. From Morning Prayer in Common Worship: Daily Prayer.	<b>Give children the opportunity to be still and thank God for all he has provided for us.</b>  May the LORD bless you and protect you. May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you. May the LORD show you his favour and give you his peace.
<b>Send</b> sent out to love and serve	Go in the peace of Christ. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen</b>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. <b>In the name of Christ. Amen</b>	We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory. <b>Amen</b>	May the light of Christ shine in all our hearts <b>Amen.</b>



Week 4 Song: **THE BLESSING [KIDS] - featuring kids from different nations - YouTube**

28.06.21	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Jesus meets Zacchaeus</b>	<b>Be a Box breaker!</b>	<b>Next Bible story from class collection</b>	<b>Reflection</b>	<b>Celebration</b>
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<b>Engage</b> We encounter Jesus and the stories of the Bible. We listen for God's message to us.	<a href="#">Jesus &amp; Zack - The Story of Zacchaeus the Tax Collector - Animated Christian short film. - YouTube</a>  How did Jesus show love and acceptance to Zacchaeus?  When Jesus spent time with Zacchaeus, a tax collector, people complained because Zacchaeus was known as a sinful man. The day that Jesus came to Zacchaeus' house, Zacchaeus believed in Jesus and Jesus told him that he was saved from his sins and was accepted into God's family. When the people complained about Jesus visiting a "sinner's house," Jesus said that he came to "seek and save what was lost." In saying this, Jesus meant that he came to teach those who didn't know about God and His plan for accepting everyone into His family.	<a href="#">Collective Worship for Primary Schools - Diversity &amp; Inclusion (S3E5)   The Church of England</a>	Read the story Depending on the age of your class you could ask: I wonder... What did you like about the story? What do you think the story meant? What can we learn from the story? What will you remember about it? What does this story tell us about being human? What does it reveal about God? What if this happened today?	5, 4, 3, 2, 1 reflection activity. Sit comfortably, quieten the space and wait for these words: Look around the space you are in and try and spot 5 colours. Think of some things that are also that colour and give thanks for those things that bring us colour and life and vibrancy. Listen out for 4 sounds that you can hear. The ones you recognise and the ones you don't. Ask God to help you listen to everyone around you for those you recognise and those you do not. Reflect on 3 things that you can feel – temperature of where you are, the chair you are sat on, the clothes against your skin. Pray for those in need – of clothes, warmth, comfort. Remember 2 places that you have been – one that you enjoyed and one that you didn't enjoy. Pray or think about those who are safe and for those who are not. Bring to mind one promise made to you that means something special – that you are made in God's image, that God loves you, that you are loved and cherished by those who love you.	<u>We gather together to celebrate our gifts and talents which are given to us from God and which are precious to him.</u> What is the most wonderful thing in the world? The most wonderful thing in the world is not a spaceship or some new electronic device. The most wonderful thing in the world is you! The Bible says, "I will praise You; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14 Our Creator is a God of infinite variety. He does not make any two people exactly alike. Jesus said that even the hairs of our head are numbered. If we are that important to God, then surely we should think more of ourselves. The more we know of God's love for us, the more we will gain a sense of our true worth. <u>Let's celebrate those children who have nurtured their talents and used their gifts in the service of others</u>
<b>Respond</b> We respond to what we have heard and seen.	Dear God Thank you that you love and accept everyone even if our actions do not always mean we deserve it. Help us show this same love and acceptance to everyone. In Jesus' name Amen	God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change...Courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference.	Listen to a piece of classical music or music for reflection thinking about the theme, message or story.	Pray that you might help others know that they are loved, valued, accepted and celebrated for who God made them to be.	<b>Give children the opportunity to be still and thank God for all he has provided for us.</b> May the LORD bless you and protect you. May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you. May the LORD show you his favour and give you his peace.
<b>Send</b> We are sent out to love and serve	Go in the peace of Christ. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen</b>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. <b>In the name of Christ. Amen</b>	We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory. <b>Amen</b>	May the light of Christ shine in all our hearts <b>Amen.</b>



Week 5 Song: **Shine | Kids action song | 2014 | From the inside out - YouTube**

05.07.21	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Theme</b>	<b>What's on the inside counts.</b>		<b>Next Bible story from class collection</b>	<b>Reflection</b>	<b>Celebration</b>
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<b>Engage</b> We encounter Jesus and the stories of the Bible. We listen for God's message to us.	<a href="#">David Was Anointed - YouTube</a> When Samuel was sent by God to anoint one of Jesse's sons as the next king of Israel, Samuel was tempted to judge Jesse's sons by their looks – their appearance and their height. Fortunately, Samuel listened to God and anointed (chose) Jesse's youngest son, David. Even Jesse, David's father, was surprised by God's choice. But God could see what the heart of each of these boys was like. God knew which boy would make a good king for Israel. He chose David because He knew that David loved God very much. We can judge others by their looks too, without even realising that we are judging them. Pre-judging someone is called "prejudice" and God doesn't want us to pre-judge anyone. We should not accept or reject others based on how they look. We should accept everyone as God accepts us. We show love and acceptance when we treat others kindly, talk to them and share with them.	This is a story about an unnamed woman. She heard about Jesus and his teachings and desperately wanted to see him. When she learned that he was to have dinner at the house of Simon, the woman knew it was her opportunity to see Jesus. But she wasn't invited and was known for doing many bad things: <a href="#">"Washed with Tears" The Jesus Storybook Bible - YouTube</a> Simon shunned the woman because she was a sinner and expected Jesus to do likewise. But Jesus told Simon that the woman has outdone Simon in her act of love. The story reminds us that it is not what people look like on the outside that matters. It is what they are like on the inside, Jesus could see inside people. And inside, in their hearts.	Read the story Depending on the age of your class you could ask: I wonder... What did you like about the story? What do you think the story meant? What can we learn from the story? What will you remember about it? What does this story tell us about being human? What does it reveal about God? What if this happened today?	Use the Examen prayer to reflect: It has 5 steps, so you might like to count them on your fingers. 1. GIVE THANKS ...For the things that make you different and the things that unite you with others. 2. ASK FOR HELP ...For the times we are judged and need to respond in confidence and love. 3. REFLECT ...On how our words might divide people, destroy trust or downplay discomfort.. 4. SAY SORRY ...For the times we judge others and make assumptions that hurt. 5. DECIDE ...How you might see God's image in everyone you meet. May God grant us the grace to forgive others as He forgives us for the things we find hard. Amen.	<a href="#">We gather together to celebrate our gifts and talents which are given to us from God and which are precious to him.</a> An acorn is small. But from it a mighty oak could grow. And from one mighty oak a whole forest could grow. It is amazing to think a whole forest is inside a tiny acorn. The Bible says because of Jesus all the riches of God have come to live inside you. Colossians 1:11 says 'you will be strengthened by all God's power.' <a href="#">Let's celebrate those children who have nurtured their talents and used their gifts in the service of others</a>
<b>Respond</b> We respond to what we have heard and seen. We are given the opportunity to worship together.	The Bible tells us that 'man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart.'  Dear God, help me not to speak evil of anyone, but to be peaceful and friendly and always to show a gentle attitude towards everyone. Help me to see the heart of a person and not prejudice. Amen	The Lord's Prayer Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.	Listen to a piece of classical music or music for reflection thinking about the theme, message or story.		<b>Give children the opportunity to be still and thank God for all he has provided for us.</b>  May the LORD bless you and protect you. May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you. May the LORD show you his favour and give you his peace.
<b>Send</b> We are sent out to love and serve	Go in the peace of Christ. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. <b>Amen</b>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. <b>In the name of Christ. Amen</b>	We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory. <b>Amen</b>	May the light of Christ shine in all our hearts <b>Amen.</b>

Week 6 – Song: **God Is Good | Cross Culture Norway VBS Music Video | Group Publishing - YouTube**

12.07.21	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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<b>Engage</b> We encounter Jesus and the stories of the Bible. We listen for God's message to us.	In Bible times, people suffering from the skin disease of leprosy were treated as outcasts. They were forbidden to have any contact with people who did not have the disease and they had to ring a bell and shout "unclean" if anyone approached them. They could not go to the market place and were forbidden to take part in worship. Jewish Law stated they could not re-enter society unless they first went to the priest to be checked before receiving a certificate to say they were now 'clean'. How do you think Jesus responded when he met a group of 10 lepers? What do you think the lepers thought when they first met Jesus? <a href="#">The Thankful Leper (Luke 17: 11-19) - YouTube</a> Every time Jesus met someone a change always happened. Sometimes it was a change on the outside and the inside. Here he shows no prejudice towards the leprosy sufferers and is willing to heal them. He also makes a point of praising the Samaritan for his faith.	In the Bible there were many times where God's people were reassured knowing that God was watching over them and would bless their lives and families. God watches over you because he loves you, like a parent who watches over their children. How does it make you feel knowing that God is watching over you?  Psalm 121: 3-8 The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.	Read the story Depending on the age of your class you could ask: I wonder... What did you like about the story? What do you think the story meant? What can we learn from the story? What will you remember about it? What does this story tell us about being human? What does it reveal about God? What if this happened today?	The Bible says in Isaiah 64:8. "Yet, O LORD, You are our Father. We are the clay, You are the potter; we are all the work of Your hand." Why do you think the Bible compares us to clay? Why doesn't it call us rocks or bricks or something that is already finished being made? God is the potter and you are the clay – watch this: <a href="#">Context: I Am the Potter - YouTube</a>  Song for EYFS/KS1: <a href="#">We are the clay - YouTube</a>	<u>We gather together to celebrate our gifts and talents which are given to us from God and which are precious to him.</u>  The Bible says 'For we are God's workmanship.' (Ephesians 2:10) This means that God is working on us to make us what he wants us to be. And what God wants us to be is like Jesus. But he has much to do in us to make us like him. We need to remember that God is still working on us. We should be encouraged, knowing that God will complete the work he has begun in us. The Bible says, "Being confident of this very thing, that he who has begun a good work in you will complete it." Philippians 1:6 <u>Let's celebrate those children who have nurtured their talents and used their gifts in the service of others</u>
<b>Respond</b> We respond to what we have heard and seen.	Dear Lord, you wanted all people to live in unity and to love each other. Help us to break down the walls of separation. Break down the walls of race, colour, creed and language. Make us one so that our unity and love for each other may win many to your fold. (Prayer of a Christian woman, Myanmar [Burma])	Thank you God that you are always watching over me. Thank you that you know what is best for me, so help me to trust you and your plan for my life. Amen.	Listen to a piece of classical music or music for reflection thinking about the theme, message or story.	Thank you, God, for being our Father. Help us to be the kind of clay that your Hands can work on so that we can be more like Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen	<b>Give children the opportunity to be still and thank God for all he has provided for us.</b>  May the LORD bless you and protect you. May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you. May the LORD show you his favour and give you his peace.
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