



Themes and resources

Spring Term 2015



Dear Colleague,

We are delighted that Amanda Moxon from St Bartholomew's CE Primary School, Quorn has selected and written the themes of worship for this coming Autumn Term.

Each subject has been designed to contribute to the education of students and provide them with spiritual growth and respect of each other's religious beliefs and practices.

Each theme can last for one day, a week, a half term or the length of the festival (eg. Easter etc) it is entirely up to you!

Provided are a list of relevant websites and resources that will help and inspire you to lead engaging and inspiring Collective Worship!

Once again, a huge thanks to Amanda for her hard work.

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Diocesan Director of the Board of Education

Themes are linked with the Christian calendar and are depicted by colours; each season has a colour and change with the pattern of Worship as shown below

Colour	Season Mood	When used
White	Joy and Rejoice	Christmas, Easter, Epiphany, Ascension, All Saints
Purple	Thinking deeply and waiting	Advent Lent
Green	A time to grow	Ordinary days (not celebrations)
Red	Sad times and certain Joyful times	Ordinary days (not celebrations)

Some schools use these colours to support expression of Anglican distinctiveness and tradition. The liturgical seasons can be depicted with coloured material draped on a focus table or ribbon draped around a cross. You can find more information about this on the following link:-

<http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Info/background1.shtml>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Themes, objectives, websites and resources</u>	<u>Church Season and Festivals</u>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The life and stories of Jesus who turned the world upside down!</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The theme of opposites explores the life of Jesus in a different way. It shows him challenging conventions and standing up for the rights of those who were oppressed, ignored and disliked.</p> <p>The theme of opposites also aims to show children that with help, effort and the right choices we can, work together, make positive changes, recognise when things are wrong and put them right. They will also acknowledge that opposites are not always right and wrong but are just differences in points of view and that differences are ok.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, 6th January 2015 to Friday, 27th March 2015</p>		
Tuesday, 6th January HAPPY NEW YEAR/NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand and to explore the fact that the knowledge of Jesus' birth extended far beyond his birthplace • To raise awareness of the work of unicef and to encourage determination • To examine how small behaviour changes can make a big difference 		
(1) (2) (3)	Epiphany, how we can all be stars this new term! http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/526/youre-a-star-an-epiphany-assembly New year and new hope, highlighting the work of unicef encouraging children to make a new start, showing determination in the new year www.unicef.org.uk/Documents/.../primary_assemblies_unicef.pdf To take small steps to improve the life of others http://learn.christianaid.org.uk/TeachersResources/primary/primaryassembly_jan09.aspx	White Birth of Guru Gobind Singh (Sikh 5 th) Twelfth Night (5 th) Epiphany (6 th)
Monday 12th January OPPOSITES THEME INTRODUCED/ GETTING ON AND FALLING OUT		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To show that opposites can work together • To understand the idea of getting on and falling out • To understand how to get along with other people 		
(1) (2) (3)	To introduce the Spring term theme of opposites, show a wide variety and touch upon those that we will be visiting http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/544/opposites Col 3 v 1-25 http://assemblyideas.wordpress.com/tag/unity/ SEAL, getting on and falling out, friendship tokens http://www.tes.co.uk/ResourceDetail.aspx?storyCode=6104123&	Green Baptism of Jesus (11 th)
Monday 19th January JESUS/A LIFE OF OPPOSITES /WET AND DRY		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To encourage a caring attitude towards others, to show that Jesus life was full of opposites, Love your enemies! • To think about the significance of John the Baptist in the life of Jesus and the Christian Church, and investigate the act of Baptism • To think about the way that God changes people • To show that, when we make a mistake, God washes away our sins and forgives us. 		
(1) (2) (3) (4)	Matthew 5: 43-44 The Sermon on the mount http://www.sermons4kids.com/love_your_enemies.htm https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LOHhHLHLHaA John the Baptist Luke 3 : 1-19 http://www.tes.co.uk/teaching-resource/John-the-Baptist-6112940/ Jesus's Baptism Luke 3:20-23 http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/jesus-baptism-water-as-a-symbol/ The act and significance of Baptism http://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/1855/god-washes-away-our-sins	Green Prayer for Christian Unity (18 th) Vasant Panchami (Hindu 24 th)

Monday 26 th January		LOST AND FOUND
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To show that Jesus is like a light that shows us the way, a light that brings deep joy into our lives, a light that brings comfort, reassurance and hope. Children will experience the story of The Lost Coin, exploring how we might lose God and how we can find him again. To show that everyone is precious to God, with a link to problem-solving Children will know that we are never lost to God 		
(1)	Jesus in the temple Luke 2:41-52 http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/the-presentation-of-jesus-in-the-temple/	Green
(2)	The lost coin Luke 15:8-10 http://ministry-to-children.com/parable-of-the-lost-coin/	
(3)	The lost sheep Luke 15:3-7 http://www.tes.co.uk/ResourceDetail.aspx?storyCode=6140964& http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/290/the-lost-sheep	
(4)	The prodigal son Luke 15:11-32 http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/prodigal-son-a-big-story-with-participation-the/	
Monday 2 nd February		ALONE AND TOGETHER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To hear about how Jesus called His disciples to be "fishers of men" and that he was no longer alone Don't forget to say, "Thank you" To understand that many people find it difficult to pray and lots of people think that praying is just asking God for things. This assembly outline explores what prayer really is! 		
(1)	Choosing the disciples Matthew 4:17-22 http://ccgi.distin.plus.com/cgi-bin/fosse/assembly.pl?index=161	Green Candlemas (2 nd) Tu B'Shvat (Jewish 4 th)
(2)	Healing a leper Luke 5:12-16 / link to charity work today http://www.sermons4kids.com/thankful_leper.htm http://www.leprosymission.org.uk/	
(3)	Solitude of prayer Matthew 6:6 http://www.theassemblyline.co.uk/#/prayer/4548131498	
Monday 9 th February		WISE AND FOOLISH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To illustrate how making wise choices can affect our circumstances in life. We are learning to be prepared, make wise choices not foolish ones To think about the talents we have and how we can use them wisely 		
(1)	The two builders Luke 6:46-49 http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/20/wise-or-foolish--making-choices	Green Valentines Day (14 th) Shrove Tuesday (17 th) Ash Wednesday (18 th)
(2)	Ten bridesmaids/be ready! Matthew 25:1-13 http://missionbibleclass.org/1b0-new-testament/new-testament-part-1/parables-teachings-of-jesus/ten-bridesmaids/	
(3)	Don't waste your talents Matthew 25:14-30 http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/199/the-parable-of-the-talents	
HALF TERM MONDAY, 16 TH TO FRIDAY 20 TH FEBRUARY 2015		

Monday 23rd February RICH AND POOR		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To look at Jesus' parable of the treasure found in a field, and ask what or who in our lives is more important than anything or anyone else and is worth working hard for. To understand that the most important things are beyond measurement - like Gods love To understand that Jesus knows us all 		
(1)	The greedy farmer Luke 12:13-21 http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/1380/buried-treasure	Purple
(2)	The man who couldn't give up his riches Luke 18;18-25 http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/rich-young-ruler-2	
(3)	The poor woman who gave everything Luke 21:1-4 http://sundayschoolsources.com/lessons/widows.htm	
Monday 2nd March SICK AND WELL		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand that Jesus taught us that everyone is of equal value in God's eyes To reflect on the importance of friendship in overcoming difficulty The importance of faith in difficult circumstances 		
(1)	Soldiers servant Luke 7:1-10 http://ccgi.distin.plus.com/cgi-bin/fosse/assembly.pl?index=117	Purple Purim (Jewish 5 th) Holi (Hindu 6 th)
(2)	The paralysed man is healed Luke 5:5-17 http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/151/a-friend-in-need	
(3)	Jairus' daughter Luke 8:40-42 http://www.calvary-kids-pages.com/Mark-Jesus_heals_Jairus_daughter.html	
Monday, 9th March FULL AND EMPTY / LOVE AND HATE/FULL AND EMPTY		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To show the children that we can all do something for God. He takes what we offer and makes it something special for him. To consider the importance of helping one another To help children know that there are times when we feel lonely, and that Jesus understands 		
(1)	Feeding the 5000 Luke 9:12-17 http://www.biblebasedassemblies.com/i-can-do-it-feeding-of-5000/	Purple
(2)	Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37 http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/759/the-good-samaritan	
(3)	Zacchaeus, pockets full of money but a lonely heart Luke 19:1-10 http://www.cist.org.uk/ay/fm/fa1401.htm	
Monday 16th March PEACE AND PANIC/ FLOATING AND SINKING /GRATEFUL AND UNGRATEFUL		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That we can trust in Jesus That with Jesus' help we can overcome our fears, and not sink Being grateful for what we have and thank God 		
(1)	Stilling the storm Luke 8:22-25 http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/jesus-calms-the-storm-a-story-for-an-assembly-about-trust/	Purple St Patrick's Day (17 th) Maha Shivaratri (17 th) New Year (Hindu 21 st) Ramayana (Hindu 21 st - 28 th)
(2)	Walking on water Matthew 14:22-32 http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/30/overcoming-fears	
(3)	10 Lepers Luke 17:11-19 http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/525/thank-you	

Monday 23rd March

EASTER/ HAPPY AND SAD/ REMEMBER AND FORGET/DIED AND RISEN

- The triumphal entry on a slow donkey, not a swift horse, a life of opposites
- The significance of bread of wine so we remember and do not forget
- To understand that Good Friday was a sad day but Christians understand that it was the fulfilment of a prophecy that would bring happiness
- To tell the happy story of the first Easter Sunday morning.

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| (1) | Palm Sunday, the triumphal entry Luke 19:28-40
http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/palm-sunday-the-horse-and-the-donkey/ |
| (2) | Bread and wine Luke 22:14-20
http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/543/the-last-supper--an-easter-assembly |
| (3) | The sadness of The crucifixion Luke 23:26-43
http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/lent-and-easter-support-material/
http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/416/hot-cross-buns-and-easter-eggs |
| (4) | The happiness of Easter Sunday
http://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/61/easter-sunday-morning |

Purple
Ramanavami
(Hindu 28th)
Palm Sunday
(29th)

**Schools close on Friday, 27th March 2015
(and open Monday, 13th April 2015)**