



Prayer Warriors lead Collective Worship



Hello, we are the Prayer Warriors.



We go to a Church of England Primary School, which means that our school is built on Christian values and the stories of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Our school values are compassion, friendship, responsibility, respect, courage and service. We use Bible stories to help us remember how we can live these values out in our school, home and community.



We meet as a group to plan and discuss Collective Worship. We take it in turns to lead different parts. We love being Prayer Warriors. It is such a great role to have in our school.

Collective Worship is a very important and special time for our school family. We meet together every day to think and learn more about God, pray and sing songs of praise. Sometimes our worship is led by teachers, members of the Clergy and other times Prayer Warriors from different year groups.

We always start our Collective Worship with a greeting. This is the sign that worship has started and reminds us that God is with us as we gather for worship.



We think of God, the Holy Father, when we open the Bible and study his word.



We think of Jesus, God's son, when we look at the cross.



We think of God's holy spirit when we light the candle.

After our initial greeting we say

“God is Love,” and the school say, “all the time.”

We then say, “All the time,” and the school say “God is love.”



Singing is a part of worship. 1 Chronicles 16:9 says ‘Sing to God, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.’ This is why we sing, to say thank you, to think about God and to learn more about him.

What is your favourite song? I wonder, how does it make you feel?

We stand at the front when we sing. We feel like a special choir when we do this, as everyone is looking at us for the words and actions.

During our worship we look at the weekly picture from 'picture news', discuss the Christian value it relates to and take it in turns to read out loud what the Bible says about the value.



In other worships we listen to a Bible story from a member of the clergy or an adult from Heartwood. The Bible story always relates to our half termly school Christian value.

I wonder why we read passages or stories from the Bible in worship time?



After we have looked at the weekly picture, or listened to a passage from the Bible, we ask the rest of the children a question. Our teacher helps us to think of the questions to ask. We always start with 'I wonder' because it helps the children to think more deeply about their answer.

When they have had a chance to think, we choose some children to share their answers with the rest of the school.

I wonder why you think Jesus told this story?

Sometimes we have a time of quiet thinking, when we reflect on the story and what it might mean to us.



Some people find it hard to sit in silence, but I find it helps me think about what I have heard in the story and how I can follow the example of Jesus in my life.

Do you like sitting in silence?

I wonder why we do this in worship time?



We always end our worship with an invitation of prayer. Prayer is just talking to God to say thank you all he has done for us, sorry for the things we have done wrong and 'please' prayers for situations that need God's help and guidance.

If we want to pray, we have prayer hands and if we choose not to pray, we have sitting hands to show respect.



We pray in lots of different ways, sometimes we read out a prayer, say the Lord's prayer, say our school prayer or people off to read out their own prayer or say their own prayer from their heart.

At the end of the prayer we are invited to say Amen, which means 'I agree'.



Our favourite prayer to say our school prayer.

May I love God more than anything else,

And do what is right and good,

May I love others as I love me,

And treat them the way I should,

Amen

I wonder what prayers you like to say?



We send the children out of worship with a question to help them think about what they have heard and learnt about in Collective Worship today. We then think about this question and thought.

I wonder how you can care for people like the Good Samaritan?

At the end of worship we share in a 'sending' prayer to send us all back to our classrooms.



Go in peace.



We go in peace.



Just before we go back to our classrooms, we take it in turns to close the Bible and blow the candle out.

This is a sign that worship has ended.

Even though the flame has gone out, the smoke that floats around the room reminds us that Jesus is still with us everywhere we go.

Thank you for reading our book about collective worship. We hope you learnt more about worship and why we do so many things.

I wonder what you have learnt about worship?