

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP PLAN

THEME 4: WORSHIPPING

SECONDARY CW PLAN: 1

AIM: WHAT IS WORSHIP? WHERE CAN IT HAPPEN?

Gather

Music – 2 options (or use alternative):

- Phillipa Hanna – Arrow
- Piano instrumental – www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q04XE2-XhyA&t=30s

Select a focal image or props to hold pupil attention while gathering. Perhaps show different images of worship around the world

(www.worldvision.org/christian-faith-news-stories/photos-worship-praise-around-world).

Follow school routine for beginning the worship e.g. greeting, light and candle etc.

Engage

1) "We have collective worship every week, but what does 'worship' mean? What images come into your head when you hear the word worship?"

Take some ideas.

2) Explain that 'worship' comes from the Anglo-Saxon word 'worthshippe'. It is showing worth to something or someone. "I wonder what people give the most worth to in the world today? Money, success, family, football?"

3) "For many people, worship is showing worth to God. Where can worship take place?" Take ideas.

4) Is it just in places of worship, such as a church, or school hall? How could actions on the playground, how we treat others etc. also be seen as showing worth to God?

5) Watch **VLOG - Worshipping.**

Respond

1) Show bible verse on board:

When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it."

"Jacob had 'boxed' God. He had decided that God could be found at certain times and places, but was not with him at other times of his life. Through his dream, Jacob began to realise that God was with him in all parts of his life."

3) "I wonder:

What do we show to most worth to as a school?

Where is worship happening in the school? Is it just seen when we meet together like this? Or can worship be seen at other times and places?"

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1) Explain that we will look at worship in further detail over the rest of the week. Invite pupils to reflect on the questions above as they go through school and home life over the coming week.

2) Follow schools sending out routines - blessing, blowing out the candle, music. Song suggestions: Father God I Wonder; For the Beauty of the Earth