

TERM 6/YEAR 1 /PRAYER/WEEK 5 PRAYING AND PRAISING

This is part of a series which looks at the different ways in which we are taught to pray in the Bible and how we can do this.

SEAL link – Good to be Me

Values link - Joy

GATHER	ENGAGE	RESPOND	SEND
<p>Leader: The Lord is here. Response: His spirit is with us.</p> <p>Play music which was written as praise to God – a mixture of classical, traditional and contemporary during the week</p> <p>The Lord is with us Let us praise his name together</p>	<p>PRAISE GOD! (whole school) Psalm 150 Teach the hymn and round: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below, Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Explain that prayer can be sung and the round we have learnt today can be used as a prayer. In the book of Psalms there are many psalms of praise. A little while ago we heard Psalm 8. We are going to hear it again this morning and I want you to see if you can remember it. Read: Psalm 8 Return to classrooms singing the round we have just learnt, Praise God from whom all blessings flow.</p> <p>TRUST GOD (whole school) Psalm 35 v 1 Father I place into your hands by Jenny Hewer. Read Psalm 31:5. I wonder how many times each day you think to yourself 'I can't do that.' or 'I hope I never have to go through that again.' The Bible tells us to put everything we have into the hands of God and trust Him to do the best for us. Learn or sing 'Father I place into your hands' (<i>Songs of Fellowship 97</i>) Prepare some cut out hand shapes which children can have in their classrooms and can choose to write on them the things that they would like to hand over to God. A whole school display could be made of these individual hands made into a huge hand. This could be designed and organised by the pupil worship leaders.</p> <p>WALK WITH GOD (whole school) Matthew 18 v 20 The Bible often talks about God being with us. In your talk partners discuss what you think this means. Draw the participants' ideas together. Jesus promised us that when one or two are gathered together in His name, he is with us. Read Matthew 18:20</p>	<p>An Old Irish Blessing My love and laughter light your days, And warm your heart and home. May good and faithful friends be yours, Wherever you may roam. May peace and plenty bless your world With joy that long endures May all life's passing seasons Bring the best to you and yours!</p> <p>Place objects on a table to represent the things you are placing in God's hands e.g. use a search engine to find images to represent the words of the prayer/hymn</p> <p>Display a copy of Antonia Rolls' picture entitled 'Jesus on the Tube.' Take a moment to reflect on what you think this picture means.</p>	<p>I wonder how many things you can find to praise God for today?</p> <p>An Irish Prayer May God give you.. For every storm, a rainbow, For every tear, a smile For every care, a promise, And a blessing in each trial. For every problem life sends A faithful friend to share For every sigh a sweet song And an answer for each prayer.</p> <p>Invite the participants to bring to tomorrow's worship any pictures/paintings they have made.</p>

DIOCESAN COLLECTIVE WORSHIP FRAMEWORK

A prayer we are going to learn to sing today is: The King is among us by Graham Kendrick (*Songs of Fellowship 532*).

I wonder if you could draw or paint a picture which shows Jesus among us.

You might use a particular painting as a stimulus which has helped you or someone else to feel that God is close to them.

PRAYER AS PRAISE (class or key stage)

Psalm 150

You will need:

Some work with good comments on it. Paper and pens. (*Well done! Good work! Much better!*). Read out the comments on the pupils' work. Explain that good comments are called praise – praise means saying something good about someone. Ask the children to suggest words of praise that might be put on the bottom of work. Write them down.

Here are some words about praise from the Bible:

Let's praise God with the sound of a trumpet.

Tell everyone how good he is with the twang of a guitar.

Let's praise God by dancing to the tambourine.

Shout his name to the sound of drums.

Praise God with violins and recorders,

Let cymbals crash the greatness of the Lord

Let every living person praise God.

(*Adapted from Psalm 150*)

Prayer can also be praise. It can be a way of saying something good about God. Christians praise God when they start their prayers by telling God how great he is. It is like looking at God's work and writing a good comment on it.

What sort of comments do you think Christians might write about God?

(If you wish write some of the comments on the paper.)

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Think about how you felt when someone says something nice to you. Think about those times when you have said something good to someone else.

Prayer:

Thank you, Father for all you do for us that we never realise, all the daily things that go unnoticed. **Amen**
Hymn: Praise Him (*Come & Praise No. 40*)

L: May God grant to the world justice, truth and peace.

R: and make our school a place of happiness, truth and peace.

What can you find to do today to praise the Lord?