

DIOCESAN COLLECTIVE WORSHIP FRAMEWORK

	<p>– he says they would be better if they killed themselves! Think back to the beginning of the journey – is there anything that might get them out of the Castle dungeon? – the key of promise in Christian’s pocket! They were free at last and re-joined the path for their journey. Life can be sad and hard sometimes but God promises to be there with us and to help us to find a way out of despair and difficult.</p>		<p>reflection and rest. Calm us, and give us your peace to refresh us. Keep us close to Christ that we may be closer to one another because of his perfect love. In his name we pray.</p>
	<p>NEARLY THERE! (whole school) Colossians 1 v 9 Many people helped hopeful on their way to their final destination: Sincere, Watchful, Knowledge and Experience. How might they have been helpful? They warned the travellers what to look out for on the final part of their journey. Knowledge warned them not to trust the Flatterer and Experience warned them not to go to sleep on the Enchanted Ground. Act out someone meeting the travellers who flatters them and persuades them to follow him and trap them in a net! - the Flatterer had tricked the travellers because they had not checked the directions which Knowledge had given to them. We need friends and helpers who ‘look out’ for us. This needs a lot of trust on our part. It means that we should not always believe people who say what we want to hear. Wise people might challenge us but for our own good.</p>	<p>A Prayer of St Benedict (480-547) Gracious and holy Father, please give me: intellect to understand you; reason to discern you; diligence to seek you; wisdom to find you; a spirit to know you; a heart to meditate upon you; ears to hear you; eyes to see you; a tongue to proclaim you; a way of life pleasing to you; patience to wait for you; and perseverance to look for you.</p>	<p>Amen</p>
	<p>THE FINAL DESTINATION (class or key stage) Revelation 21 v 1-4 It had taken a long, tiring and challenging journey for Christian and Hopeful to reach their destination. At the beginning of his journey, Christian had told his wife that he was going to find a place of ‘life and safety’. So where do pupils think Christian ended his journey? They could describe what sort of a place they think it might be and choose some adjective to describe it or they could say ‘ I think it is like.....’ This could be compared with descriptions of the Heavenly City from the Bible in Revelation. Try and think about what sort of a place it might be rather than what it looks like. With younger pupils, think about key times on their life journey so far. Are there any times which are like the story of Christian? With older pupils, explore the imagery of the whole story. Is it helpful to think of life as a journey? What is more important – the journey or the destination?</p>	<p>Think back over the whole story. What do pupils remember? Pray some thank you prayers for the good times which we share on the journey including thanking Jesus for being alongside us from the very beginning and to the end.</p>	