

# Collective Worship Resources November 2022


**This booklet contains information and links to useful resources for collective worship in church schools.** Schools should not take these as an endorsement of the resources, we have not used all of them with children.

Resources that are based on Christian Values have this symbol next to them.  
Secondary resources are indicated by *secondary*



## #Faith at Home

The Church of England Education Office offering.

 These collective worships are for use *in school* despite the title!  
Each collective worship includes a lot for material for developing the theme, you would get several collective worships from each one.

Primary and *secondary* versions

The collective worships are here <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/faith-home/i-am-school-leader#na>

There is a video for each theme but it is not a video version of the document. Videos are here <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/faith-home/faith-home-videos>

### Series One Character

Eleven collective worships based on different values

### Series Two Flourishing together

Nine collective worships about emotions also includes harvest and Christmas

### Series Three Social Justice

Nine collective worships about issues such as bullying, refugees and climate change. Also includes, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost

## From Our Archives - Primary Collective Worship

These are in the [Collective worship area of our website](#). Use the menu bar on the left to find the series that you require.

The latest collective worship materials are moved into this archive at the end of each term, so it keeps on expanding.



### **A Glimpse of God's Kingdom**

Ten scripts and slides

Prayer Station ideas for each collective worship

Based on the Beatitudes these each focus on a value

### **Parables of the Kingdom**

Six scripts and slides

Some of these you might recognise, as we 'recycled' some of the content over lockdown!

### **Journeying Together**

Ten scripts and slides

Prayer Station ideas for each collective worship

Explore some journeys in the Bible, and the adventures of the Early Church (including Paul's story & words that he wrote).

### **Kingdom Living**



Twelve scripts, slides and video

Reflecting on the school values in the light of Jesus teaching about the kingdom of God. Originally written for the spring term so include lent and Easter.

### **Count your Blessings**

Twelve scripts and slides

These were originally written for the autumn term so include harvest, Remembrance, Advent and Christmas!

### **Rainbow a Sign of Promise**

Twelve scripts, slides and videos each week uses a different colour

Originally written for the summer term so includes Ascension and Pentecost.

### **Community**

Fifteen scripts and slides

Mainly old testament content about living together in community!

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Twelve scripts, slides and videos

Unpacking the words in the Lord's Prayer

## Some good online Collective Worship resources

**ASSEMBLIES.ORG.UK** **Assemblies.org** Produced by SPCK (*The Society for Promoting School assemblies for every season for everyone* *Christian Knowledge*)

Collective worship for many occasions for primary and **secondary**, including religious festivals. It's very popular with teachers so best to check that someone else hasn't used that idea in your school before.

<http://www.assemblies.org.uk/>

### BRF Ideas Hub formerly Barnabas in Schools



Ideas for collective worship, mainly through drama and storytelling. Use the search bar to find what you need.

[www.barnabasinschools.org.uk](http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk)

### Big Start Assemblies

Combining value-based themes with stories from the Bible, high energy assemblies for KS1 and KS2 pupils. The package includes presentations, videos, songs, music, scripts and a whole lot more. Costs £220 for a 2-form entry school.

[www.bigstartassemblies.org.uk](http://www.bigstartassemblies.org.uk)

### Bible Chat Mats Diocese of Bath and Wells

Print out the page which contains a picture to colour and questions to discuss based on a Bible story.



Brand New! 19 Bible Chat Mats to each based on a value. £20 for the pdf downloads.

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-children/youth-children/resources/bible-chat-mat/>

### Brick Testament Lego Bible

Lots of Bible stories told using Lego. Note some school firewalls prevent access to this site.

[www.thebricktestament.com/home.html](http://www.thebricktestament.com/home.html)



**BBC Schools Radio** produce both complete assemblies for KS1 (Something to Think About) & KS2 (Together) which you can search from [here](#) and also have a considerable archive of stories for collective worship, accessible from [here](#). There is also an area where you can find [songs for collective worship](#) produced by the BBC, and comprehensive [Teachers' Notes](#) (many written by our own Rachel Boxer!)

## **BBC Assemblies**

A collection of video and audio clips suitable for KS1 and KS2 Collective Worship

[BBC - Assemblies](#)



## **Simply Collective Worship**

Resource packs to purchase £99 per school year, or 4 years of termly themes for £349, plus other themed packs such as 'Religious

Festivals' or 'Our wonderful World'. <https://simplycollectiveworship.co.uk/>

## **Bible Based Assemblies**

Primary and **secondary** from Scripture Unions lots of good ideas

[www.biblebasedassemblies.com](http://www.biblebasedassemblies.com)

## **Diaries of Reflection**

The Salisbury Diocese Diaries of reflection cover key stages 1-3 primary and **secondary** and there are small number of downloadable secondary acts of [worship](#)

[www.salisbury.anglican.org/schools/collective-worship](http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/schools/collective-worship)

## **Diocese of Canterbury**

Offer the William and Lucy resources as well as plans and videos

[www.canterburydiocese.org/childrenandyoungpeople/our-schools/collective-worship/a-fresh-approach-to-collective-worship/](http://www.canterburydiocese.org/childrenandyoungpeople/our-schools/collective-worship/a-fresh-approach-to-collective-worship/)

## **Diocese of Guildford.**

We have an archive of sets of collective worship materials.

[www.cofeguildford.org.uk/education/christian-distinctiveness/collective-worship/assembly-resources](http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/education/christian-distinctiveness/collective-worship/assembly-resources)

## **Diocese of Ely**

Weekly act of worship for primary schools based on the Church of England lectionary readings

[Acts of Worship – The Diocese of Ely Education Directorate](#)

## **Ethos Education**

Formerly Damaris

Bible based assemblies more currently on the site for **secondary** than primary using film clips from latest movies and relevant contemporary culture

[Ethos Education](#)

**Faith at Home** see page 1 for details

### **Flame Children's Ministries**

Ideas for reflective prayer areas. Use the search facility which is very good.

[www.flamecreativekids.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.flamecreativekids.blogspot.co.uk)

### **Food for Thought**

Reflections for class worship in *secondary* schools Sample cards on website

[Food for Thought — Diocese of Salisbury](#)

### **Free Bible Images for *all age groups***

Pictures in both drawn and photographic form to go with most Bible stories.

<http://www.freebibleimages.org/>



### **Jack in the Box for EYFS**

Jack is a loveable Labrador puppet. Children travel with Jack to meet the Big Bible Heroes of the Old Testament and then on to learn all about Jesus and his love for the world, and the adventures of his friends and followers. Volumes 1 and 2 are each stand-alone resources, but together provide over 80 classroom worship times. All the materials are fully downloadable. £36 per book Sold by

[www.imaginer.co.uk/](http://www.imaginer.co.uk/)

### **Jumping Fish Explore Collective Worship**

Each resource also includes suggestions of how to help the school community understand and appreciate Anglican Liturgy.

These resources include a collection of power points, scripts and ideas which provide everything needed to create bespoke acts of worship, exploring the themes: The Language of Spirituality, An Artist's View of God and Wise Ways for Living.

£15 each or a bundle of 4 for £40 <https://jumpingfishpublications.co.uk/>

### **Oscar Out of the Box for KS1**

Each assembly follows the familiar pattern: *Welcome, Learn, Reflect, Respond* and as Oscar the Owl 'flies' out of the box he invites children to become involved in each part of the worship journey. Prayers, with simple responses that the children can join in with, complete the worship. Oscar Out of the Box complements *Roots and Fruits 1* by providing 2 acts of worship for each of the 12 values in that publication, however it is also quite possible to use it as a stand-alone resource.

£28 per book Sold by [www.imaginer.co.uk/](http://www.imaginer.co.uk/)



### **Roots and Fruits** (a 4 year Values based programme)

Two books each containing a two year programme of values based collective worships.

£55 per book Sold by [www.imaginer.co.uk/](http://www.imaginer.co.uk/)

### **My Fish Bites**

**Secondary** some good and easy to use ideas on here

[www.myfishbites.com/assemblies.php](http://www.myfishbites.com/assemblies.php)

### **Scripture Union**

Primary and **Secondary** Bible based assemblies. They are easiest to find by going to 'collections' and finding the Bible based assemblies tab

### **Spinnaker**

Primary materials and a team that go into schools

[www.spinnaker.org.uk](http://www.spinnaker.org.uk)

### **Schools Work**

Support for Christians visiting and schools including **secondary** assemblies

[www.schoolswork.co.uk](http://www.schoolswork.co.uk)

### **Picture News**

Each week choose a current news story, provide an image, a thought-provoking question and a variety of teaching resources.

Costs £150 a year for online only with extra paid options. [www.picture-news.co.uk](http://www.picture-news.co.uk)

### **Pixabay for use with *all age groups***



1000,s of photographs and graphics that are free to use

<https://pixabay.com>

### **Teacher's Dozen**

Includes the Play mobile Bible stories (known as the Brompton Bible stories), various puppet videos and animations. There is a small charge to download.

The Teachers Dozen Assembly Resources are on a 4 year programme with accompanying ppt. They are very popular in many of our primary schools.

<https://theworshipcloud.com/search?search=teachers+dozen&>

### **Worship Cloud**

Pictures, poems, readings mainly for **older pupils**. Once you register you have a small weekly allowance of downloads for free

[www.theworshipcloud.com](http://www.theworshipcloud.com)

### **Worship Workshop**

A Church of England resource to help you build a collective worship. Ideas for liturgy as well as music and words for hymns

[www.worshipworkshop.org.uk](http://www.worshipworkshop.org.uk)

### **Wintershall Education primary and **secondary****

Book an online assembly led by an actor from the Life of Christ production. There is a menu of five Bible narratives to choose from.

<https://www.wintershall-education.com/resources/assemblies/>

### **Youth Work Resource**

Offers a small selection of primary and **secondary** school assemblies mainly linked to festivals and popular themes.

<https://www.youthworkresource.com/schools-work/secondary-assemblies/>

## **Bibles**

Do use a Bible if possible. If you are telling the story in another way show the pupils where in the Bible your story or verses come from.

Try [The Bible Society online shop](#) or [Eden online Christian bookshop](#) for good deals on prices

### **International Children's Bible (ICB)**

A proper Bible with books, chapters and verses in language that year 2 and above can cope with. The cover and the name of the Bible mean that it isn't appropriate for secondary pupils although the actual translation is! It is on Bible Gateway.

### **Barnabas Schools Bible *Available second hand***

Contains all Bible content arranged chronologically.

### **Good New Youth Bible *The Bible Society***

Good to give to year 6 leavers and use with secondary pupils.

### **Authentic Youth Bible**

For use with secondary pupils.

## Pick up and read Collective Worship resources

**There are some useful books produced by BRF.**

<https://www.brfonline.org.uk/collections/for-schools>

**10 Minute Assemblies by Rebecca Parkinson** Published by BRF 2016

50 themed assemblies organised by general themes, Christian calendar, events and national days. Each assembly provides ten minutes of material including a reflection, Bible link and a closing prayer. A small amount of preparation may be needed.

**Collective Worship for Primary Schools: 50 easy-to-use Bible-based outlines for teaching essential life skills by Helen Jaeger.** Published by BRF 2016

Collective Worship with 4-11s is a practical resource for those leading Collective Worship in primary school, whether teachers or church personnel with links to their local school. It contains 50 ten-minute outlines, each based on a key theme and including an interactive game, a thought for the day, a Bible story and a reflection time.

**36 Ready-to-read Assemblies for Collective Worship by Helen Lings** Published by BRF 2015

For each theme there is a traditional option, using the King James Bible and a traditional prayer, and a contemporary option using The Message translation and a modern prayer. The reflection is the same.

**Story Assemblies for the School Year by Edward J Carter** Books 1 and 2 are now out of print but you can pick them up second hand. These use a story written by the author to explore a Christian theme.

**A Teachers Dozen**

<https://theworshipcloud.com/profile/38093/twelvebaskets-teachers-dozen>

**These are now available as e books. £7.68 each.**

**There are linked sets of slides at about £3.00**

12 books in the A Teachers Dozen series which equates to 144 assemblies over 4 years - Each assembly follows the same structure so that the children quickly become familiar with the approach and can see the link between the assemblies as you work through the series. Any images or pictures used within the assemblies are included in the resources section at the back of the books. These are in black and white for easy photocopying.



## Music for Collective Worship

### BBC Songs for Collective Worship **FREE**

Primary school songs to support assemblies and Collective Worship with lyrics on screen and backing tracks. The songs in this collection draw upon two anthologies: traditional songs from *Come and Praise* and also songs from [All about our school.](#)



[www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/primary-school-songs-songs-for-collective-worship-and-assemblies/zmgwkmn](http://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/primary-school-songs-songs-for-collective-worship-and-assemblies/zmgwkmn)

### Fischy Music

Their digital streaming platform reaches thousands of children in schools, giving access to Fischy song videos, audio tracks and resources through an annual subscription. You instantly get access to our newest songs as well as all the Fischy favourites, like 'Build up' and 'You are a star'!

<https://www.fischy.com/fischy>

### Out of the Ark

Songs for use in assemblies, productions and in the classroom. Including favourites such as 'Spring Chicken' and Harvest Samba. Schools buy an annual licence.

<https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/>

### Pop Uk

This is a Christian organisation but their songs are written so that they can be sung by pupils of all faith or none with integrity. Lively songs for use in schools, there is a menu of titles. Some are available for free.

<https://www.popuk.org/>

### Worship for Everyone

Nicky and Becky Drakes songs for use in church and school. Some are free and some you pay a small download fee.

<https://worshipforeveryone.com/>