



DIOCESAN COLLECTIVE WORSHIP FRAMEWORK

	<p>THE BIBLE IS A HAMMER (whole school) Jeremiah 23 v 29 Explore the work of a sculptor of stone and how he/she needs to use a hammer to “reveal” the sculpture beneath. When he/she does this it is as if the figure is already in the stone and the sculptor reveals it. Christians believe that reading the Bible and trying to do what God wants will gradually change them – in this way God will make them into the best person they can be. God will “chip away” all the bad things from their lives and transform them into the person he wants them to be. Invite someone to lead worship who can talk about how the Bible has changed them.</p>	<p>If you have some smooth pebbles in school, let each child hold one of these and feel how the stone has been worn smooth and changed from a rough and jagged stone to a smooth pebble. Reflect that this is what Jesus wants to do for us.</p>	
	<p>THE BIBLE IS SWEETER THAN HONEY (Key Stage or class worship) Jeremiah 15 v 16/Psalm 119 v 103 Talk about the favourite sweet things that pupils like to eat. Explain that the Bible being ‘sweeter than honey’ is the equivalent of ‘the Bible is sweeter than chocolate...ice cream...strawberries’ (or whatever the suggestions from pupils were) Look at honey – explain that this was the only way to sweeten food in Old Testament times and that people loved it. But they loved the word of God even more – because it was sweeter than honey. Use a message written on rice paper and eat it – Jeremiah said the he ate the word of God, but he meant that he memorised/interpreted the words. Christians aim to know the Bible so well that it is a part of them. Try learning some simple memory verses from the Bible as that is what some Christians do so that they can take the Bible with them even if they do not have the book itself. Which verses might change a person’s life?</p>	<p>If you are in a small group, let pupils taste honey (perhaps with apple). However delicious something is it can never be sweeter or better than the Bible in terms of the difference it can make to a person’s life</p>	