

## DIOCESAN COLLECTIVE WORSHIP FRAMEWORK

### TERM 2/YEAR 2 /REMEMBRANCE

Schools will have their own ways of marking this time in school – possibly by visiting a local War Memorial or having visitors in school to explain some local history. It is also important to make this in the context of collective worship. There is much ‘remembering’ in the Bible. Worship for this week should focus on the importance of this within our life as individuals and within our life as a school and as a wider community.

SEAL link – Changes

Values link - Courage

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| <p>Suggested music</p> <p><i>Wherever you are</i><br/>(<i>Military wives</i>)</p> <p><i>Last night I had the strangest dream</i><br/>(<i>Out of the ark</i>)</p> <p>Sing<br/>(<i>Gary Barlow</i>)</p> <p><i>Suffer little children</i></p> <p><i>Give thanks with a grateful heart</i></p> <p>Grace, mercy and peace be with you<br/><b>and also with you.</b></p> | <p><b>Remembering is important (whole school)</b><br/>John 16 v 19-20<br/>Why is it important to remember? Bring an object associated to a loved one. Talk about memories.<br/>Use ‘Badgers Parting Gifts’ by Susan Varley (ISBN 978-1849395144) Relate this to the story of Jesus leaving his followers and what they might remember about him even though they were sad and troubled.</p> <p><b>Remembering the sacrifice of others (whole school)</b><br/>John 15 v 11-12<br/>Sacrifice – what would you give up for a friend or family member? When wars happen, soldiers may have to give up their lives as a sacrifice – this is sometimes called ‘the ultimate sacrifice’. Jesus also made this ultimate sacrifice on the Cross at Easter. This ultimate sacrifice is one of love for others. The sacrifice of love in wars and by Jesus is something which we must remember and which should help us to move forward – that other people have given their lives out of love for us should show us that the way of love is the best way, even though it might be costly. Tell a story of sacrifice in war if appropriate.<br/>Use the poppy and the Cross to show a practical and visible way of making sure that we never forget.</p> <p><b>Change of heart (whole school)</b><br/>James 4:1 – 3, 6<br/>When we think of the big questions of war and peace, injury and death, pain and suffering, it is easy to imagine it is a problem ‘out there’ somewhere; to think it is beyond our control and not something that we have caused. However, James, the writer of this very practical letter to Christians, says that wars start with our attitudes to each other and each one of us is guilty. Choose four small groups of pupils (practice in advance would be useful but not mandatory!)<br/>One group to mime of looking envious - wanting what others have.<br/>One group to mime looking frustrated.</p> | <p>Use thank you prayers for those whom we love and for the ability to remember happy memories and for happy times shared together</p> <p>Possible hymns<br/><i>Let there be peace shared among us</i><br/><i>Let there be love</i><br/><i>Let there be peace on earth</i><br/><i>Make me a channel of your peace</i><br/><i>Let peace begin with me</i><br/><i>Peace is flowing like a river</i><br/><i>Peace perfect peace</i></p> <p>Invite pupil worship leaders to research where war and conflict is continuing in the world today and write prayers for peace in these places</p> | <p>The peace of the Lord be always with you<br/><b>And also with you</b><br/>Offer a sign of peace to others</p> <p>Lawrence Binyon poem “We will remember them”</p> <p><b>Music</b><br/>Gaelic Blessing: Deep Peace of the Earth<br/>John Rutter</p> |

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|  | <p>One group to mime seething anger.<br/>One group to mime violence and fighting.<br/>Question other pupils about what is going on and possible reasons why. The heart of the problem is, as far as God is concerned, the problem of the human heart.<br/>Each one of us could potentially start a war! This is why God has given us his Holy Spirit to live in our hearts. Display the word HATE. Explain that God, by the cross of Jesus, longs to change it to LOVE. Do this by crossing out one letter at a time and replacing it as follows:<br/><i>HATE → GATE → GAVE → GIVE → LIVE → LOVE</i><br/>James explains that God treats us with kindness and gives grace. He wants his Spirit of peace and compassion to be inside each of us. This will be the way to end wars and put the world back together again. Jesus shows us the way to become peacemakers between others once his Spirit is living in us.<br/>(See <a href="http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/ribbons-for-remembrance">http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/ribbons-for-remembrance</a>)</p>  | <p>Prayer (based on Jesus words - the Beatitudes)<br/>Happy are the people who know they need God, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.<br/>Happy are those who mourn and are sad, for they will find comfort.</p> | <p>The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always.<br/><b>Amen.</b></p> |
|  | <p><b>Remembering with ribbons (class or key stage worship)</b><br/>Poppies aren't the only flower that is used for remembrance. In France, after the First World War, the cornflower was used; and traditionally the herb rosemary is for remembrance. As well as flowers, ribbons are widely used to mark various special charity focus days and also to remember important causes, global injustices and the plight of individuals. Yellow ribbons tied to trees, for example, are often reminders of loved ones who are missing, those who have been captured as the result of conflict and soldiers still on active service.<br/>Here are some others (note that some colours of ribbon have more than one meaning):<br/>'Puzzle' ribbon - autism awareness<br/>Orange ribbon - animal cruelty<br/>Red and Blue ribbon - remembering Haiti<br/>Red, white and blue ribbon - remember the Omaha bombing<br/>I wonder what sort of coloured ribbon(s) would help us to remember to choose peace not war, compassion not apathy and support for peacekeepers rather than disinterest?<br/>Use coloured ribbons to say prayers for different people and situations, then make a classroom display or school prayer area using the ribbons<br/>(see <a href="http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/ribbons-for-remembrance">http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/ribbons-for-remembrance</a>)</p> | <p>God our saviour,<br/>look on this wounded world<br/>in pity and in power;<br/>hold us fast to your<br/>promises of peace won for<br/>us by your Son,<br/>our Saviour Jesus Christ.<br/><b>Amen.</b></p>         |  |