

DIOCESAN COLLECTIVE WORSHIP FRAMEWORK

TERM 4 YEAR 2 WEEK 2

We start with considering some symbols of peace, followed by some examples of people from the Old Testament who were not at peace with themselves because they were not at peace with God. In these cases, God becomes their peacemaker.

SEAL - Relationships

Values link – Peace

GATHER	ENGAGE	RESPOND	SEND
<p>Show some symbols of peace on a screen. Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you Response: And also with you</p> <p>Use the above greeting each day this week.</p>	<p>SYMBOLS OF PEACE (whole school) Matthew 5:9 Find images of symbols for peace (see 'Gather') Discuss the peace symbols on the screen. Ask the children to discuss in pairs the meaning of peace. Share some of their answers. Refer to the opening liturgy (under 'Gather'). Why might I have said 'the peace of the Lord be always with you? What does it mean? Play a recording of 'Make me a Channel of your peace'. Using a diagram of a river record the essence of peace from the song (hatred replaces by love, forgiveness replaces hurt, faith replaces doubt, hope replaces despair, light replaces darkness, joy replaces sadness, because we forgive we are forgiven, because we give we receive, because we die we have eternal life). Explain that this was a prayer of a Christian saint, St Francis. He encourages us to be people of peace and by being people of peace to bring peace to others.</p>	<p>Sing: Make me a channel of your peace</p> <p>5 prepared children (across year groups) stand up individually and each read a verse prayerfully whilst the school is invited to think about what each verse says to them. (Isaiah 26:3, Isaiah 54:10, Isaiah 9:6, Psalm 37:37, Psalm 34:14)</p>	<p>Invite the children to design a symbol of peace</p> <p>Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord Response: In the name of Christ, Amen</p> <p>Use the above 'sending' each day this week.</p>
	<p>ELIJAH (whole school) I Kings 18:18-40 Elijah was an Old Testament Prophet through whom God delivered some very unpopular messages to some of the kings of Israel who did not follow His ways or keep His commandments. I wonder if you have ever had to deliver an unpopular message. Discuss this with the person next to you. What was the message and how did it make you feel? Take responses. Explain that Elijah was not popular because of the messages he gave and he often had to run away for his own safety. We're going to find out about one of his exploits. Read 'God send fire' eg from page 48 The Lion Storyteller Bible or I Kings 18: 18-40). Explain that tomorrow the answer as to why Elijah had to run away will be revealed.</p>	<p>Prayer: Lord God, give us, we pray, faith like that of Elijah, faith to put our trust in you. Amen</p> <p>Possible Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind forgive our foolish ways.</p>	

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	<p>ELIJAH (whole school) I Kings 18:18-40</p> <p>Remind the children of the story so far. King Ahab returned to his wife Jezebel and told her what had happened. She was FURIOUS! Jezebel threatened to kill Elijah and she meant it. Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. I wonder what you would have done? Elijah was really fed up. He had done what God had asked of him and now his life was in danger. In desperation, Elijah prayed to God to take his life away from him. God came and found Elijah and asked him what the matter was. He told Elijah to go and stand on the mountain for He, God, was about to pass by. Elijah heard a great and powerful wind. Then he experienced an earthquake but God was not in either of these things. After the earthquake came fire – and God was not to be found here either. But after the fire Elijah heard a gentle whisper and it was in these quiet words that Elijah found the strength and courage to carry on. God is primarily a God of peace. I wonder how you experience God's peace?</p>	<p>Prayer for the week: Father Almighty, we pray for your peace on earth - for peace that is life-giving; for peace that is love-bearing; for peace that is true freedom; for peace that is purposeful; for peace that is prevailing. Father, deepen our desire for peace; restore our resolve for peace; increase our intent to work for peace. For the sake of your Son, our Saviour Christ's sake. Amen. (Prayer from Kenya)</p>	
	<p>DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN (class or key stage) Daniel 6</p> <p>I wonder if you have made the link between faith in God and peace? This week we have used the simile of peace as a river. We have discovered that God's voice can be heard in a whisper rather than a roar. Today we are going to learn about Daniel who also had God's peace and great faith. Children to act out the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den – either rehearsed or spontaneously. (see also Lion Storyteller Bible page 65 for a well told version of the story))</p>		