

DIOCESAN COLLECTIVE WORSHIP FRAMEWORK

TERM 4/YEAR 2 WEEK 3

CHRIST IS OUR PEACE

This week we focus on CHRIST as our peace.

SEAL - Relationships

Values link – Peace

GATHER	ENGAGE	RESPOND	SEND
<p>Leader: We gather in peace to praise the Lord</p> <p>Response: Together we praise Him</p> <p>You might like to display on a screen a picture of the International Peace Gardens in Manitoba, Canada (this can easily be found using a search engine).</p>	<p>BE AT PEACE WITH EACH OTHER (whole school)</p> <p>Mark 9: 50 Display a container of salt and a container which contains preservatives in which salt is used (e.g. pickled beetroot). I wonder how many of you put salt on your chips? Why do you do it? I wonder how many people here like Baked Beans? What ingredients do you think you find in a tin of Baked Beans? Salt is used in many of our foods because it preserves and gives flavour to the food. Salt is also used as a healing remedy. If you have ever had a tooth out the dentist might tell you to rinse your mouth with salty water as it helps with healing. It is used for lots of other healing remedies too. Jesus uses salt as an illustration (Mark 9:50). He says” Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other.” I wonder what that means? Talk about it with your talk partner. Recap on the qualities of salt. Explain that <i>peace</i> can be described as salt because it preserves relationships and helps to improve them (gives them a better flavour). In numerous instances in Biblical history, when parties entered into an agreement, they then shared a meal together. The covenant (promise) meal sealed their peaceful relationship. When two people get married today, it is usual for family and friends to share a meal with them. Salt will form a part of that meal. Salt is precious and can symbolise peace.</p> <hr/> <p>“GO IN PEACE” (whole school)</p> <p>Luke 7: 36-50 Yesterday we compared peace with salt and healing. Today we are thinking about the link between forgiveness and peace. I wonder if you have ever been really naughty? Were you forgiven for what you did? Do you think there is a difference to how you feel according to the amount that you have been forgiven? For example, imagine you promised to put away your toys and then you didn’t do it. Would that need a lot of forgiveness or a little forgiveness? (You could use a show of hands to indicate the response). Now imagine that you lost your temper and really hurt someone so that they had to go to hospital. Would that need more or less forgiveness? (Show of hands). Now the big question! Do you think that the person who is forgiven the most loves the most? (Show of hands). I wonder why that might be? In the Bible,</p>	<p>Prayer of the week O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the need of others, open my ears that I may hear their cries, open my heart so that they need not be without comfort. Let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Open my eyes and ears that I may, this coming day, be able to do some work of peace for you.</p> <p>Amen. (Prayer from South Africa)</p>	<p>Leader: May God grant to the world justice, truth and peace.</p> <p>Response: And make our school a place of happiness and peace.</p>

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	<p>we read about a woman who pours expensive perfume on Jesus' feet and wipes his feet with her hair. She did this because she believed she was a bad person (and many of the people eating with Jesus thought that too). Jesus shows how the one who is forgiven most, loves most. The woman needed to be given assurance that she was forgiven and with this assurance of forgiveness comes peace. I wonder what this teaches us about forgiving others?</p>		
	<p>MAY THERE BE PEACE? (whole school) Mark 11:1-11 Show a clip of Palm Sunday from the DVD 'Miracle Maker' (available from the Bible Society) and ask the children what the people shouted when Jesus rode into Jerusalem. ("Peace in heaven and glory in the highest" – depending on translation). Alternatively, tell the story a different way. Explain that nearer to Easter we will visit this story again but for now we are looking at what we can learn about peace from it. The Jews were expecting a Messiah, someone who was going to come and save them. Many Jews thought that the Messiah would come as a powerful earthly King, someone who would lead them in a revolt against the Romans who occupied Palestine. As usual, Jesus surprised everyone. He didn't enter Jerusalem riding a war horse but instead chose a humble donkey. This journey was the beginning of the end of Jesus' time on earth. Contrary to what many people expected, Jesus came to bring peace and to make peace.</p>	<p>We pray for all those who seek peace, reconciliation and fullness of life for all people. Grant them understanding, courage and determination to work for your peace, relying on your Spirit and power. We pray for ourselves that your peace may become more present in us. (A prayer from Cafod)</p>	
	<p>ANGELS ARE NOT JUST FOR CHRISTMAS! (class or key stage) Luke 2:14 You will need a box with angels inside it. Take out of a box the angels, one at a time (they may be different or the same). Ask the question <i>What do angels remind you of?</i> In the Christmas story angels appear 6 times. Very often they said "<i>do not be afraid</i>". Why do you think they said this? The absence of fear is <i>peace</i>. They wanted the people they were speaking to, to be at peace. But Christmas isn't the only time angels appear. They appeared in the Easter story at Jesus' tomb. There is also another occasion in the Easter story when angels appeared but we'll come back to that. Angels are creatures of peace and can be found throughout the Bible. I wonder, do angels appear to people today? Discuss with your talk partner. Certainly peace is something most people seek. They might be looking for peace and quiet, or peace in a relationship that has had difficulties, or peace of mind that they have made a right decision. Do you think that the angels message of "peace to His people on earth" is important today? Why? How can we be peaceful people?</p>	<p>Possible song: Peace, perfect peace is the gift of Christ our Lord</p>	<p>I wonder if anyone can tell me the other time an angel appears in the Easter story?</p>



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