



DIOCESAN COLLECTIVE WORSHIP FRAMEWORK

YEAR 2 /TERM 5/ASCENSION

(Ascension Day is 40 days after Easter Day)

This is an opportunity to look at changes in our lives especially those that involve saying goodbye to people. Jesus had to leave his disciples and sometimes people in our lives have to say goodbye for different reasons.

SEAL link – New Beginnings

Values link - Hope

GATHER	ENGAGE	RESPOND	SEND
<p>Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you <i>All and also with you.</i></p> <p>God is love all the time. All the time God is love.</p>	<p>JESUS GOES TO THE FATHER (whole school) Luke 24 v 50-53 Call out different ways of saying goodbye in English and some other languages, and have everyone chorus back the word each time with a wave. Ascension Day was Jesus' big 'goodbye' moment - at least to being on earth in one place, at one time and with one group of people at a time. He was returning to God in heaven, but he left a promise and a command which are still true for us today. <u>A way to tell the story together (courtesy of Barnabas in Churches)</u> 40 days after Easter, Jesus climbed a hill with his friends - <i>invite everyone to act out climbing up a hill.</i> It was time for Jesus to go back to God in heaven but he left a very special promise: 'I am always with you' - <i>get everyone to count out these five words on the digits of one hand.</i> And he gave them all a job to do: 'Go into all the world' (<i>invite everyone to point forward with one hand and then describe a big circle</i>) 'and share the good news of God's love' (<i>invite everyone to hold out both hands together as if offering a gift</i>) 'with everybody, everywhere' (<i>invite everyone to point to everybody else in the room as rapidly as possible</i>). And he promised them that the special power to do this would come from God very soon -</p>	<p>Provide an opportunity within school for children to pray for those that they love and miss – eg using heart shaped post-its or colouring in a candle and adding it to a display. You might ask your worship leaders to design this for you.</p> <p>God, grant me the serenity To accept the things I cannot change, to change the things I</p>	<p>May...</p> <p>God the Father watch over us - <i>hands reaching up high above the body</i></p> <p>God the Son walk with us - <i>hands reaching out wide either side of the</i></p>



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	<p><i>invite everyone to look puzzled.</i> And then Jesus disappeared before their very eyes - <i>invite everyone to shade their eyes with one hand, looking intently as Jesus leaves and then to react with amazement.</i> And the story says that angels appeared, who said that Jesus would be back one day in the same dramatic way - <i>invite a reaction of shock and joy.</i></p>	<p>can, And to know the difference.</p>	<p><i>body</i></p>
	<p>BADGER'S PARTING GIFTS (whole school) Matthew 28 v 20 The issue of death and parting is difficult and sensitive. This is a brilliant book with lovely illustrations which will make the story come alive if you can find a way of using them. It gives an important message in a form which can speak to pupils of all ages – that remembering happy times and what others have taught us is vital in dealing with our sadness when someone is gone NB There are many books which deal with this - you may have your own favourites. Make sure you show the link with Christian beliefs about the hope of the resurrection, also with the fact that Jesus' parting gift to the disciples was to be the Holy Spirit</p>	<p>Lord God, you are my strength. Hold my hand in my weakness and teach my heart to fly. With you, there's nothing to fear, nothing to worry about. Hold me tight in your embrace, so that I can be stronger than the challenges in my life. Amen.</p>	<p><i>God the Spirit work through us - hands crossed over the body</i></p> <p><i>Until we meet again - shake hands or high-five each other</i></p> <p>Amen.</p>
	<p>GOODBYE (class or key stage) Luke 24 v 50-53 Write up the word 'good-bye'. Ask if anyone knows where the word 'good-bye' comes from? It's a shortened form of the words, 'God be with you'. (Write this next to good-bye.) So every time you say good-bye to someone, you're actually saying that you want God to be close to them. It's a blessing in disguise! Perhaps you want God to be with them as they set out on a dangerous journey. Or maybe you know you're going to miss them and you want to</p>		<p>Sing 'Shalom, shalom' to each other as you leave</p> <p>The peace of the Lord be</p>



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	<p>be sure God will be close to them even if you can't be. The French word for 'goodbye' is 'au revoir' which really means 'Till we see each other again,' or 'See you again soon!' You're saying, 'I'm looking forward to seeing you soon!' which is a message of hope. The German is 'Auf Wiedersehen' which means the same as the French.</p> <p>Write up these other words for good bye and the translation 'see you again soon'.</p> <p>Does anyone know any other words for goodbye in other languages and whether they mean 'God be with you' or the happy hopeful 'See you again soon'?</p> <p>The disciples did not say a final goodbye to Jesus – they believed that he would come again as a king. This is still a part of Christian belief.</p>	<p>Pray or write your own peace prayers for those love – especially those who are far away at them moment</p>	<p>with you And also with you (share The Peace)</p>
	<p>PEACE (class or key stage) John 14 v 27</p> <p>Jesus left the gift of peace with his disciples – it was a special peace even beyond the peace that the world is able to give. The Jewish word for peace is 'Shalom'. Wish each other peace using 'Shalom'.</p> <p>Have your group stand in a circle. Teach the various 'Peace' greetings from around the world and practise these together:</p> <p><i>Pace</i> (pronounced 'pachay') from Romania - along with a hug and a 'kiss' on each cheek <i>Shanti</i> from India - along with hands in a prayer position and a simple bow <i>Salaam</i> from the Middle-East - along with a bow and one hand on the heart <i>Wa</i> from China - with hands folded across the chest and a deep bow <i>Amani</i> from East Africa - with a hand-thumb-handshake <i>Mir</i> from Russia - with a great 'bear' hug! <i>Peace</i> from Great Britain - with a 'normal' handshake</p> <p>The leader then sends off the different 'peace' greetings, one after the other, to the left and</p>		



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	<p>the right, leaving a small time gap between each one. Soon everyone should be involved giving or receiving a 'peace' from around the world, around the circle. There is bound to be some happy confusion at the crossover points! With luck all the 'peaces' should come back to the leader eventually.</p>		
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