

St. Mary's C.E Primary School



Act of Worship

Summer Term

Cycle B

AIM: To incorporate the SEAL themes into the daily act of collective worship, bringing the added dimension of spirituality into the SEAL themes

St. Mary's Act of Worship Assembly Outline:

1. **Aim** – ‘Today we are going to think about...’
2. **Thinking time** - ‘Let’s think of a time when...’
3. **Story** – ‘Let’s listen to a story about...’
4. **Reflecting** – ‘Let’s light a candle as we think about...’
5. **Hymn** – ‘Let’s us sing and praise...’
6. **Prayer** – ‘Let’s get ourselves ready to pray about...’

| Date | Aim Spiritual Focus | Content | Resources | SEAL Links | Hymn | Prayers or Reflection |
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| Week 1 | To be aware of death as a natural process of life. | Discuss family and introduce family tree. Read story Jairus and his daughter and discuss illness and what happens. | A family tree | Relationship | One More Step | Pray for people who have lost family members/people who are ill. |
| Week 2 | To remember to be proud of other people’s achievements and your own. | Discuss someone in your family of who you are proud of. Children to share who they are proud of. Read two brothers called James and John and discuss why James and John’s parents were proud of them and why Jesus was too. | Photographs, certificates and pictures to show achievement | Relationships | I’m Special | Prayer of thanks about families and all the things they do to make us proud. |
| Week 3 | To know how to change an unfair situation. | Play pin the tail on the donkey and discuss how the child feels by being cheated out of his prize. Read story about twin brothers. Discuss how Rebecca and Jacob cheated Isaac and what impact they had. | Pin the tail on the donkey. Prize and not so nice prize. | Relationships | My God is so Big | Prayer about not being unkind or jealous. |
| Week 4 | To think about people who are left out. | Discuss times when children have felt left out or lonely. Play simple game and discuss how child who didn’t get a sticker or prize feels. Read Abraham and Sarah and discuss what you might have done if you were Abraham. | Small prizes or stickers. | Relationships | Good to be me | Prayers about people who are left out or lonely. |

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| Week 5 | To understand how it feels when we lose a loved one, or close friend moves away. | Select three children to give prizes to and discuss how they feel. Take prizes away and discuss how they feel. Read story about Hannah and discuss how Hannah felt knowing she had to give her son back to God. | Resources pages 33 to 36, 3 bight envelopes. | Relationships | I'm Special | Prayers about decisions and advice to make the right decision. |
| Week 6 | To share others' successes and achievements. | Discuss how it is good to join in celebrations and how it is also nice to share other people's success. Read story after Jesus' death and discuss how Jesus' followers cared for each other in good times and bad and how it made them strong. | Cards with instruction on, simple pictures or diagrams. | Relationships | He's got the whole world | Prayers about success and not being selfish. |
| Week 7 | To realise that hurting someone just because we feel bad is not right, and to think about how different people react to death and loss. | Discuss when children were in a bad mood about something. Discuss how people get upset about different things. Read two women and their babies and discuss the solution in the story and why the other mother stole the baby. | Empty bowl, pencil and work to rip. | Changes | Abba Father | Prayer about being friends all the time and making good choices. |
| Week 8 | To have confidence in your ability to change an outcome. | Discuss with the children how they feel when they are given a task which is very difficult and discuss a solution. Read a man called Gideon and discuss how Gideon had to trust and follow God. | Resource pages 42 to 47 | Changes | Let your little light shine | Prayers about finding solutions so we don't feel insecure or frustrated. |
| Week 9 | To understand that change is an ordinary part of human life and we should not be worried by this. | Discuss how things change and discuss how the recording of music has changed over the years. Read poem and discuss how change can be good. | Music Turn! Turn! Turn! By The Byrds | Changes | My God is so Big | Prayer about changes in life and not worrying. |
| Week 10 | To believe in yourself when faced with big challenges and obstacles. | Discuss when you want to achieve something and it is difficult and how you can overcome obstacles. Select two volunteers and discuss what they would do to win chocolate bars. Read story about rich man meeting Jesus and discuss why the rich man felt ashamed. | Fun size chocolate bar, king sized chocolate bar, blindfold, lucky dip. | Changes | Magic penny | Reflect upon how we can overcome challenges |
| Week 11 | To realise that each of us can change things and make things different. | Select 3 children to add ingredients to dishes to improve them and discuss what they added and how much. Read story about how Jesus taught people. Discuss what children can do to make good changes. | 3 aprons, 2 bowls, sugar, spoon, icing sugar, food colouring, unsalted crisps, salt. | Changes | Abba Father | Prayer about being kind and thoughtful. |