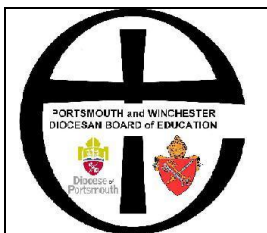




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Collective Worship 10 Looking at Saints Number 4 Saint John

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The Worship – Major themes ‘IN’ and ‘OUT’.

Music on Entry

Worship song “All I once held dear” by Robin Mark

Start the worship with a Christian Greeting

e.g. Lighting a Candle and saying “The Lord be with you.” “*And also with you.*”

There may be singing

‘Mary’s Song’ – Songs for EVERY Easter - Out of the Ark Music

The Story

Try to engage the children in a dialogue with you about what is really precious to them.

You really need examples of things so precious to a child that the idea of giving them to someone else to look after for ever is almost impossible.

It might be good to focus on things that are alive.

This part may go anywhere!

Then you want the children to imagine a very difficult time – the moment when Jesus was being crucified. In spite of what was happening to Him he cared for his mother so much that he wanted someone to look after her.

There are of course cultural reasons but for the children concentrate on the idea of giving His mother to another person to look after.

The Bible reading is from John 19

25 Jesus' mother stood beside his cross with her sister and Mary the wife of Clopas. Mary Magdalene was standing there too.

26 When Jesus saw his mother and his favourite disciple with her, he said to his mother, "This man is now your son."

27 Then he said to the disciple, "She is now your mother." From then on, that disciple took her into his own home.

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Now imagine with the children how John felt about the responsibility to look after the mother of Jesus. Use questions that start "I wonder...?"

e.g.

"I wonder why Jesus would ask someone else to look after Mary?"

"I wonder what went through John's mind when Jesus asked him to look after Mary?"

"I wonder how Mary felt?"

"I wonder how much Jesus trusted John?"

Let the questioning and wondering last long enough for children (and adults) to offer their thoughts – if you get any off message answers you can value them by saying "I wonder?"

Now ask the children for what Jesus might ask us to look after now, in this school, in their homes, in the village/town/city, in this world?

Try to instil the idea that Jesus trusts us to look after others and the world and though it's not always easy all of us can make a difference.

Prayer

Here are a couple from Culham College Website <http://cowo.culham.ac.uk/search/prayers.php> with the search Making a difference.

For all the people who have helped others
We thank you Lord.
For all those who have made a difference
We thank you Lord.
For all the ways we can share our gifts and talents
We thank you Lord.
Amen

Dear Lord,
Help us to see the world as it really is
Open our eyes to the truth
Show us how to love in facing up to the needs of others
Amen

Leaving the hall

A few final thoughts to take away:

Remember you are special people who can make a difference in the world.

Jesus trusted St John to look after His mother – and He trusts us to find people who we can care for.

Try to think today what that means for you.

"The Lord be with you." *"And also with you."*

Optional evaluation using '4' questions with a small group of children.

1. Tell me one thing you liked about the Collective Worship you have just been in?
 - a. This is a personal idea just about your feelings or thoughts.
2. Tell me one thing that would have made it better for you?
 - a. This is a personal idea just about your feelings or thoughts.
3. Tell me what it was about?
 - a. This is about factual recall.
4. Tell me why did the person leading the worship do what they did? (How you phrase this depends on the age of the pupils)
 - a. So what was the point?
 - b. What do you take away?
 - c. What do we learn about how we live our lives?

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