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Collective Worship 14 Epiphany 2

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The Worship – Major themes ‘UP’

I suggest using the story about the Brazilian footballer, Ricardo Izecson Santos but, like many Brazilian footballers, he is known by his nickname, 'Kaka'.

The story can be found on the Culham Website following this link below.

http://cowo.culham.ac.uk/content/reflect_one.php?d452

Preparation

Download the story and pictures from the Culham website.

Music on Entry

A thank you song – one possibility is The Thank You Song from Songs for Every Singing School – Out of the Ark Music <http://www.outoftheark.co.uk/songs-for-every-singing-school.html>

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

Suggestions are

'We really want to thank you Lord' No.445, *Worship Today*, Spring Harvest, ISBN: 1-899-78836-0.

'Thank you, Lord, for this new day' No.32, *Complete Come and Praise*, BBC Books, ISBN: 0-563-34581-0

'The Butterfly Song' (If I were a butterfly), No.128, *Kidsource*, Kevin Mayhew, ISBN: 1-840-03310-X.

The Story

Begin by informing children that many millions of people throughout the world look forward to the FIFA World Cup Finals every four years.

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World Cup Finals Statistics:

- A television audience of almost 30 billion viewers watched the 2002 finals.
- Almost 3 million people watched the games live in France in 1998.
- England has won the competition only once, in 1966.
- Only one man has played in the World Cup finals five times - the Mexican goalkeeper, Antonio Carbajal.
- Northern Ireland is the smallest country ever to reach the quarter-finals.
- Brazil has won the World Cup for a record five times.
- Spain is the current World Cup holder, having won the tournament in 2010.

Many of the Brazilian football team are Christians, but one player in particular has more reason than most to be thankful to God. His name is Ricardo Izecson Santos but, like many Brazilian footballers, he is known by his nickname, 'Kaka'.

Kaka was born into a wealthy and religious Brazilian family in 1983. From being very young, Kaka loved football and, despite his mother's disapproval, he played with children from the slums in his home city of São Paulo. By the age of nineteen, Kaka was one of the stars of the city's professional football club. The following season, Kaka was chosen to play for his country in the World Cup Finals of 2002. Kaka only played in the first round, but he was delighted to have been part of the squad that won the tournament. This is how he summed up his experience:

'How many players wait their whole lives for a chance to take part in a World Cup and never make it? Not only did I go to one and play, I also came back as world champion.'

Kaka knew that he was extremely fortunate to play in a World Cup. In fact, he knew that he was extremely fortunate to be able to play football at all. When, he was just eighteen, he dived into a swimming pool and hit his head on the bottom, breaking his sixth vertebrae. Only by a hair's breadth did he escape total paralysis.

Kaka believes that God saved him from being paralysed and since his accident Kaka has thanked God for his every movement on and off the football pitch. His sense of gratitude has led him to work for people who are less fortunate than himself, which includes being the United Nations' youngest ever 'Ambassador against Hunger'. In this role, Kaka helps to raise money to feed hungry people around the world.

Kaka also believes in sharing his Christian faith with other people. One of the ways he does this is by wearing the slogan 'I belong to Jesus' on his football boots and on his vest.

Prayer

'Thank you God for the many talents you have given us.
May we use these talents to help other people and,
if we are Christians, to bring glory to you as well.
Amen.'

Further Development

Find out about other sports men and women of faith.
Become involved in a charity project.
Find out about organizations that are attempting to eradicate leprosy.
Collect quotations on the theme of thankfulness.

Leaving the hall

A few final thoughts to take away:

Remember the story of Epiphany from last week when wise men brought gifts.

What gifts has God already given you?

How are you making the most of those gifts for yourself and others?

"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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