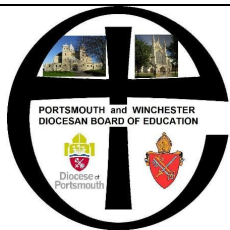




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Collective Worship 7 – 28 October 2011 Looking at Saints Number 3 Saint Luke

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The Worship – Major theme ‘OUT’

This week we try to share some ideas about Saint Luke – based on the stories that were created about him.

Music on Entry

Dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones http://youtu.be/pBOX_YbwT9c

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

‘Living and Learning’ – Songs for EVERY Assembly - Out of the Ark Music

Cause to be grateful - Songs for EVERY happy, healthy school – Out of the Ark Music

St Luke

Patron saint of Doctors and Surgeons

If possible prime four responsible children to play the parts of two patients and two doctors.

One doctor will visit the patient in a hurry, not take any notice of what the patient says, take a phone call while writing the prescription and rush off. All done slap dash and in a frenzy.

One doctor will draw up a chair, sit down and listen carefully to the patient, be seen to think carefully and then carefully write out a prescription. Before leaving he will ask you to look after the patient and call him back if there are any concerns. All done calmly.

Start the story by asking the children to act out the scenes one after the other. Tell the children that we are going to watch two ill people being visited by their doctor.

After watching – ask the question – “I wonder which doctor you would like if you were ill?”

Hopefully the calm and careful doctor will get the positive vote.

St Luke was thought to have been trained as a doctor by the family he lived with. He might have been their servant and the family quite rich. Rich people often trained a servant to be a doctor so they would have their very own doctor living with them.

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Doctors need to be careful, thoughtful, take their time, think carefully and perhaps most important – they need to really care about their patients.

This might explain why St Luke is remembered for being a very careful writer of the Gospel of St Luke and the writer of the Acts of The Apostles.

Many people say that his gospel is very carefully written – based on the facts of the life of Jesus – based on the research that St Luke carried out, finding out very carefully all he could about the life of Jesus.

One of the things he did, so they say, was to interview Mary, the mother of Jesus.

It is said that we have St Luke to thank for the story of Christmas we know and retell every year.

So – what can we learn from St Luke?

Any ideas from the children?

What I think is that there are times when we need to take care with what we do.

It can be fun to rush around, playing, not worrying about how well we do something.

Rushing the things we do without thinking about other people.

But that would not be any good if we were trying to do something so it was the best it could be. Like writing the story of Jesus.

So when we are at school, or at home, or at play, or at an after school club – we must remember that sometimes it is very important to do things properly – really do our very best and that can mean taking out time to do our work properly. (The teachers may have a 'Learning Attribute' word they use in school for this.)

Jesus asked us to use our time well – to use our talents as best we can.

We will be really good people if we know when something needs us to be really careful and work as hard as we can – and when it's ok to just be having fun.

Prayer

I am going to pray – if you would like to pray with me you might like to close your eyes to help you listen and think.

Dear God

Thank you for all the things we can do.
All the ways we can play and have fun without worrying too much.
Help us to know when we need to be careful and hardworking,
So we can make the very best use of the skills and talents you have given us.

Amen

Say the Lord's Prayer and prepare the children for the line 'And lead us not into temptation . . . '

Leaving the hall

Remember that St Luke is remembered by some people because he was very careful when he wrote.

Think during today when you need to be very careful with your work so you don't miss the chance to be the best you can be.

"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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