**To           :              Headteachers; Chairs of Governors; Ex-Officio Clergy; Foundation Governors;                       : for forwarding widely**

**From     :               Jeff Williams**

**Date      :              4th November 2020**

**Re           :             Class worship resources from The Diocesan Education Team**

Dear colleagues

I hope you were able to have some rest and recuperation over half-term, and we send our best wishes as you navigate the National Lockdown, which will clearly bring raised anxiety levels from some children into the classroom. Do also look after yourself and your own well-being.

This bundle of Classroom Worship resources is sent for the next two weeks. I hope that you have been able to use **Sally Taylor’s video reading of The Selfish Crocodile** – any feedback from children or indeed yourself would be welcome, so I can pass on our wider thanks to Sally.

**Class worship video :** led by Sue Bowen, Diocesan Schools Advisor on the theme of Love : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4BcnQADsFNs&ab_channel=CofEWinchester>

**Remembrance Day :** a 12 minute video created by Chris Pritchard, former Diocesan Schools Advisor. This is embedded in the Guided Reflection we have created to accompany it. We hope this brings a time of deep reflection on November 11th.

**Guided Reflections :** Emotions (Zacchaeus); The Golden Rule (Do unto others); Words (based on the Ikea anti-bullying advert)

**Creative Prayers :** Prayer Plaits; Mr Men & Little Miss; Prayer Strings.

Advance notice: on **Wednesday 18th** I’ll be sending you **four bundles of resources, for the four weeks of Advent**. Each bundle will be based on the appropriate theme for the particular week of Advent, and will contain : A Guided Reflection based on a Modern piece of Art; A Guided Reflection based on a Traditional piece of Art; A guided Reflection on a Storybook; A Creative Prayer activity, and Powerpoint slides for each of these. It might be helpful now to think about making an **Advent Wreath / Advent Crown** – these can be as artistic or as simple as you like, but the key thing is to have 5 candles so they can be used as a focus for the activities/worship.

I’ll also be sending you a **Reverse Advent Calendar** which I hope engages the children and families, and demonstrates our commitment to sharing our own resources with those who need them. It is timely as it’s based around food.

Every good wish and thanks

**Jeff**

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