

Consider

Participants

Planning

Prayer

Modelling

Journey: Steps along the way

Pupil voice

Ideas for all ages of children so
all can be involved in leading

Resources

¹Working on Worship numbers 13,17 & 20 – Helen Matter
(download from: www.cofesuffolk.org/resources#/)

²Flippin' Praise – Helen Matter

³Lighting the Candle – Truro Diocese (ask Anne or Jane
for details)

⁴Roots and Fruits: Creative collective worship for primary
schools on Christian values themes – Shahne Vickery

Grove Books:

⁵Living the Lord's Prayer – Ian Terry

⁶How to Craft Collective Worship – Tim Elbourne

⁷How to See Collective Worship Anew – Alison Brown



Developing Children as Collective Worship Leaders

A toolkit for schools



Resources and Ideas

Simple Structures¹

E.g. Gathering, Engaging, Reflecting, Sending

Prayers⁵

Simple Prayers e.g. Teaspoon prayer

Spontaneous prayers

- Use key ideas from a story
- Link to key values

Leading Prayer

- Adults model so children can lead with confidence
- Pasta prayer
- Five Finger Prayer
- Book of prayers created by children to read out
- Include prayers from children in newsletter



1 tsp = 1 teaspoon
thank you - sorry - please



Avoid Performance

- Create atmosphere
- Godly Play – use of resources familiar to the children which they can use to tell the story.
- Encourage Deep Thinking and Questions
- Capture children's thoughts on a theme/value or story on video to show in collective worship.
- Consider seating arrangements – is everyone made to feel active participants in collective worship time.



Values

- Celebrate living out school values
- Engage with home – parents can nominate children they have seen displaying values and activities to do at home which encourage conversations around values.
- Link values to worship

Liturgy

- Simple symbolic words and/or actions to start and/or finish collective worship led by children. E.g. box with artefacts representing Father, Son and Holy Spirit



Worship Questions

Children leading enquiry to ask questions about the stories e.g. Did anything puzzle you in the story? (Modelled by adults in the Autumn Term)

Pupil Voice³

Opportunity for children to evaluate collective worship and develop a sense of Space, Community, Wonder and Christian Tradition

Worship Group

- Run by the children for the children
- Sustainable – not just years 2 and 6
- Strong staff link to facilitate
- Children drive the Themes of the Week
- Children involved in all aspects of planning unit/theme – **steps along the way**
- Christian After-school Clubs or local church where appropriate to develop worship themes