

Themes for Daily Acts of Class Worship

Spring Term 1 2021

Week	Week Beginning	Theme / Key Idea	Bible Verse	OT NT	Possible Bible Stories
1	4.1.2021	New Year, New Start, New Beginnings	<i>This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!</i> (2 Corinthians 5:17)	NT	Stories of people having a new start ... Bible characters and famous people
2	11.1.2021	Thankfulness Understanding that God caring for us is not about what we do, but who we are – when we truly understand this, we are thankful.	<i>I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvellous things you have done.</i> (Psalm 9:1)	NT	The Money Lender Luke 7:41-43
3	18.1.2021	Trust The widow wouldn't give up ... we also shouldn't give up but persist trusting that God hears us.	<i>Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track.</i> (Proverbs 3:5-6)	NT	The Persistent Widow Luke 18:1-17
4	25.1.2021	Tolerance Being tolerant of each other, allowing each other to make mistakes, to change our minds, to grow.	<i>So reach out and welcome one another to God's glory. Jesus did it; now you do it!</i> (Romans 15:7)	NT	The Two Sons <i>One son says yes but doesn't, one son says no, but does.</i> Matthew 21:28-32
5	1.2.2021	Wisdom Wisdom understands consequences and always looks to the bigger picture.	<i>Don't depend on your own wisdom. Respect the Lord and refuse to do wrong.</i> (Proverbs 3:7)	NT	Wise and Foolish Builders Luke 6:46-49
6	8.2.2021	Service We are given gifts to serve each other, when we do our gifts grow, when we don't we lose them.	<i>Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. Be good servants of God's various gifts of grace.</i> (1 Peter 4:10)		Three servants given talents Matthew 25:14-30
	15.2.2021	FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY			

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7	22.2.2021	<p>Sharing</p> <p>Sharing with others because we care, not because we think we are amazing. Jesus was making the point that being who we are as simply about being who we are! Love makes demands and one of those demands is to share freely and without fuss the good things in our lives.</p>	<p><i>Do not forget to do good to others, and share with them, because such sacrifices please God.</i></p> <p>(Hebrews 13:16)</p>	NT	<p>Matthew 6: 1–4</p> <p>Stories around sharing, the ‘pass it on’ movement, the little acts of kindness stuff, all these reflect what Jesus had to say.</p>
8	1.3.2021	<p>Prayer</p> <p>Praying is about relationship.</p> <p>Prayer is about relationship, holding the hand of God, trusting in his response and expecting to know him better.</p>	<p><i>And this is the boldness we have in God’s presence: that if we ask God for anything that agrees with what he wants, he hears us.</i></p> <p>(1 John 5:14)</p>	NT	<p>Matthew 6: 5 – 8</p> <p>Think of the things we talk about with the one who love us, sometimes we don’t even need words. Think about relationships without conversation, is it even possible, I don’t think so.</p>
9	8.3.2021	<p>The Lord’s Prayer</p> <p>Jesus kept it simple, he praised (shifting our eyes heavenward) he asked for his needs to be met (not wants) he recognised that we all mess up and asked for help and forgiveness, he prays for the rest.</p>	<p><i>“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.”</i></p> <p>(Matthew 6:9)</p>	NT	<p>Matthew 6: 9 – 13</p>
10	15.3.2021	<p>Treasures in Heaven</p> <p>Treasures in Heaven are in the love of family and friends, in pointing out the joy of God in us – a life of hope and love.</p>	<p><i>Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.</i></p> <p>(Matthew 6:21)</p>	NT	<p>Matthew 6: 19 – 24</p> <p>Reflect on Jesus’ life, his treasures were in the love of his friends and family, in pointing out the joy of God in us, the life of hope and love. Reflect on Jesus’ journey towards the cross, we begin to see the Sermon on the Mount being lived out in awful circumstances.</p>

11	22.3.2021	Easter Story: <i>Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem</i>		NT	
		<i>Last Supper</i> <i>Judas Betrays Jesus</i>		NT	
		<i>Garden of Gethsemane</i> <i>Betrayal with a Kiss</i> Peter's Denial		NT	
		Trial of Jesus Pilate Washes his hands Jesus' Crucifixion		NT	
		Jesus' Resurrection: Risen from the Dead / Jesus is Alive The Disciples See Jesus		NT	
	29.3.2021 5.4.2021	EASTER HOLIDAYS Friday 2 nd April – Good Friday Monday 5 th April – Easter Monday			

Additional Notes

- Share with the children the Bible verse for the day, reminding them if it is from the Old or New Testament.
- The first few weeks are based on Revd David's plans from a few years ago with a weekly focus on a different Christian Value. As always, the stories are flexible – there will be better things on YouTube or in books you know of.
- For other daily acts of Class Worship, continue to use a variety of stories and discussions. This could be an opportunity to read children some traditional Old and New Testament Bible stories to help them become more familiar with less known stories. Q. What is the moral of the story? Q What can we learn today about how we live our lives? Q. What does the story teach us about God?
- Every story/reading/discussion does not need to match exactly with the theme for that week.
- For the final week of term, we will focus on the Easter story. We have many books in school retelling the Easter story. Also, this is a straightforward version of the Easter story:
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/easter/easterstory.aspx>
- Revd Carol will continue to prepare a short weekly video to link with the theme of each week – to be shown during a Class Worship session.