

# Collective Worship; Autumn 1

Theme: Perseverance

## Week 1

**Story:** The Hare and the Tortoise

**Bible Verse:** Galations 6:9 *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

**Suggestions for Class Worship:**

**EYFS/KS1:** Create a perseverance path with stepping stones showing things they've learned to do.

**Lower KS2:** Write or draw a comic strip showing a character who keeps going.

**Upper KS2:** Reflective journaling: 'A time I wanted to give up but didn't – what helped me?'

## Week 2

**Story:** Jabari Tries by Gaia Cornwall

**Bible Verse:** Philippians 4:13 *I can do all this through him who gives me strength.*

**Suggestions for Class Worship:**

**EYFS/KS1:** Build something with blocks or junk modelling and talk about what was tricky.

**Lower KS2:** Create a 'Try Again' badge for someone in the class who shows perseverance.

**Upper KS2:** Group discussion: 'Why is it sometimes hard to ask for help?' followed by role-play.

## Week 3

**Story:** Tilda Tries Again by Tom Percival

**Bible Verse:** Romans 5:3-4 *We also have joy with our troubles, because we know that these troubles produce patience. And patience produces character, and character produces hope.*

**Suggestions for Class Worship:**

**EYFS/KS1:** Use puppets to act out a story where a character keeps trying.

**Lower KS2:** Make a 'bounce-back' ball with paper and write a challenge on it they've overcome.

**Upper KS2:** Create a class resilience wall with quotes, drawings, or stories of bouncing back.

## Week 4

**Story:** The Idea In You by Questlove

**Bible Verse:** Jeremiah 29:11 *I know the plans I have for you," announces the Lord. "I want you to enjoy success. I do not plan to harm you. I will give you hope for the years to come.*

**Suggestions for Class Worship:**

**EYFS/KS1:** Draw a picture of something they dream of doing when they grow up.

**Lower KS2:** Write a short story or poem about an idea that changed the world.

**Upper KS2:** Design a 'dream board' with goals, ideas, and steps to achieve them.

## Week 5

**Story:** Maybe by Kobi Yamada

**Bible Verse:** Matthew 19:26 *Jesus looked at them and said, "With people, this is impossible. But with God, all things are possible."*

**Suggestions for Class Worship:**

**EYFS/KS1:** Star craft – decorate a star with something they're good at or want to try.

**Lower KS2:** Write a 'Maybe I could...' sentence starter and illustrate it.

**Upper KS2:** Reflective writing: 'What's something I believe I could do with God's help?'

## Week 6

**Story:** Ruth and Naomi

**Bible Verse:** Ruth 1:16 *But Ruth replied, "Don't try to make me leave you and go back. Where you go I'll go. Where you stay I'll stay. Your people will be my people. Your God will be my God.*

**Suggestions for Class Worship:**

**EYFS/KS1:** Make a friendship bracelet to give to someone who helps them.

**Lower KS2:** Create a gratitude jar – each child adds something they're thankful for.

**Upper KS2:** Write a letter of thanks to someone who has supported them through a challenge.

## Week 7

**Story:** Jesus Calms the Storm

**Bible Verse:** Mark 4:39 *He got up and ordered the wind to stop. He said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down. And it was completely calm.*

**Suggestions for Class Worship:**

**EYFS/KS1:** Use water play to explore calm and stormy seas – talk about feelings.

**Lower KS2:** Create a 'calm corner' poster with ideas for finding peace.

**Upper KS2:** Guided meditation or breathing activity followed by journaling: 'What helps me feel calm?'

# Collective Worship; Autumn 2

Theme: Peace (and spirituality)

## Week 1

**Story:** "The Poppy Lady" by Barbara Elizabeth Walsh

**Bible Verse:** John 15:13 – *"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."*

**Suggestions for Class Worship:**

**EYFS/KS1:** Create poppy wreaths using red tissue paper or card. Talk about what peace means to them

**Lower KS2:** Make poppy wreaths and write a short message of thanks to someone who helps keep peace (e.g. a soldier, nurse, teacher)

**Upper KS2:** Create poppy wreaths and write a reflection or poem titled "Why We Remember"

Discuss how remembrance helps us build a peaceful future

## Week 2

**Story:** The Peace Book by Todd Parr

**Bible Verse:** John 14:27 *I leave my peace with you. I give my peace to you. I do not give it to you as the world does. Do not let your hearts be troubled. And do not be afraid.*

**Suggestions for Class Worship:**

**EYFS/KS1:** Draw a picture of someone who helps you feel safe / peaceful

**Lower KS2:** Write about a time you felt peaceful

**Upper KS2:** Create a peace poem or acrostic

## Week 3

**Story:** A Friend to Nature by Laura Knowles

**Bible Verse:** Psalm 23:2 *He lets me lie down in fields of green grass. He leads me beside quiet waters.*

**Suggestions for Class Worship:**

**EYFS/KS1:** Nature walk and draw peaceful things

**Lower KS2:** Create a nature collage

**Upper KS2:** Write a reflection on a peaceful moment in nature

## Week 4

**Story:** A Better Best Friend by Olivier Tallec

**Bible Verse:** Romans 12:18 - *If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

**Suggestions for Class Worship:**

**EYFS/KS1:** Make a friendship bracelet

**Lower KS2:** Role-play resolving a disagreement

**Upper KS2:** Write a letter of apology or reconciliation

## Week 5

**Story:** Jesus Prays Alone (Mark 1:35)

**Bible Verse:** Mark 1:35 - *Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.*

**Suggestions for Class Worship:**

**EYFS/KS1:** Create a quiet corner in class

**Lower KS2:** Practice a short meditation

**Upper KS2:** Write a reflection on the importance of stillness

## Week 6

**Story:** Angel visits Mary (Luke 1:26–38)

**Bible Verse:** Luke 1:26–38 - summary: *The angel Gabriel visits Mary to announce that she will give birth to Jesus, the Son of God. Mary responds with faith and obedience, accepting God's plan for her life.*

**Suggestions for Class Worship:**

**EYFS/KS1:** Make an Advent candle craft

**Lower KS2:** Write a prayer for peace this Christmas

**Upper KS2:** Create a peace-themed Advent calendar as a class

## Week 7

**Story:** : Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1–20)

**Bible Verse:** Luke 2:14- *Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.*

**Suggestions for Class Worship:**

**EYFS/KS1:** Create a nativity scene

**Lower KS2:** Write a Christmas peace message

**Upper KS2:** Design a peace-themed Christmas card

# Collective Worship; Spring 1

Theme: Compassion

## Week 1

**Story:** The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37)

**Bible Verse:** Luke 10:37 - *Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."*

Suggestions for Class Worship:

**EYFS/KS1:** Draw a picture of someone helping another person.

**Lower KS2:** Write a kindness card to someone in school.

**Upper KS2:** Reflective writing: 'A time I showed compassion and how it felt.'

## Week 2

**Story:** Jesus Heals the Blind Man (John 9)

**Bible Verse:** Matthew 14:14 - *'He had compassion on them and healed their sick.'*

Suggestions for Class Worship:

**EYFS/KS1 Activity:** Draw a picture of Jesus helping someone.

**Lower KS2 Activity:** Role-play helping someone in need.

**Upper KS2 Activity:** Write a reflection: 'How can I be more like Jesus in showing compassion?'

## Week 3

**Story:** Feeding the 5,000 (John 6:1–14)

**Bible Verse:** Galatians 6:2 - *'Carry each other's burdens.'*

Suggestions for Class Worship:

**EYFS/KS1 Activity:** Draw a picnic and talk about sharing.

**Lower KS2 Activity:** Create a kindness calendar with daily actions.

**Upper KS2 Activity:** Plan a class act of kindness for the school community.

## Week 4

**Story:** The Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1–7)

**Bible Verse:** Ephesians 4:32 - *'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other.'*

Suggestions for Class Worship:

**EYFS/KS1:** Make a sheep craft and talk about being found.

**Lower KS2:** Write a story about forgiving a friend.

**Upper KS2:** Reflective writing: 'Why is forgiveness important in showing compassion?'

## Week 5

**Story:** Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena

**Bible Verse:** Philippians 2:4 - *Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

Suggestions for Class Worship:

**EYFS/KS1:** Draw a picture of someone helping in the community.

**Lower KS2:** Create a 'Compassion Tree' with leaves showing kind acts they've seen or done.

**Upper KS2:** Write a short story or poem about someone showing compassion in a community setting.

# Collective Worship; Spring 2

Theme: Forgiveness

## Week 1

**Story:** The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11–32)

**Bible Verse:** Ephesians 4:32 - *Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

Suggestions for Class Worship:

**EYFS/KS1:** Draw a heart and write or draw someone you love even when they make mistakes

**Lower KS2:** Write a forgiveness card to someone (real or imaginary)

**Upper KS2:** Reflective writing: 'Why is forgiveness sometimes hard?'

## Week 2

**Story:** The Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:21–35) alongside The Sour Grape by Jory John

**Bible Verse:** Colossians 3:13 - *Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

Suggestions for Class Worship:

**EYFS/KS1:** Make a 'forgiveness flower' with petals showing kind actions

**Lower KS2 Activity:** Create a comic strip showing someone choosing to forgive

**Upper KS2 Activity:** Debate: 'Is it always right to forgive?'

## Week 3

**Story:** Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1–10) alongside The Invisible by Tom Percival

**Bible Verse:** 1 John 1:9 - *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

Suggestions for Class Worship:

**EYFS/KS1:** Draw Zacchaeus in the tree and talk about how he felt

**Lower KS2:** Write a diary entry from Zacchaeus's point of view

**Upper KS2:** Create a forgiveness acrostic poem

## Week 4

**Story:** Joseph Forgives His Brothers (Genesis 45) alongside One Little Word by Joseph Coelho

**Bible Verse:** Matthew 6: 14 - *For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.*

Suggestions for Class Worship:

**All year groups:** Create a "Kindness Chain". Children write or draw one kind thing they can do for a friend on a strip of paper. Link the strips together to form a paper chain and display it in the classroom as a symbol of friendship and forgiveness.

## Week 5

**Story:** Jesus on the Cross (Luke 23:34) alongside The Last Chip by Duncan Beedie

**Bible Verse:** Luke 23:34 - *Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.*

Suggestions for Class Worship:

**EYFS/KS1:** Make a paper cross and decorate it with hearts

**Lower KS2:** Write a prayer of thanks for forgiveness

**Upper KS2:** Create a reflection piece: 'What does Easter teach us about forgiveness?'

# Collective Worship; Summer 1

Theme: Creativity

## Week 1

**Story:** The Creation Story (Genesis 1) alongside A Kids Book About Technology

**Bible Verse:** Genesis 1:1 - *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

Suggestions for Class Worship:

EYFS/KS1: Nature walk and draw something beautiful they saw.

Lower KS2: Create a nature-inspired poem or acrostic.

Upper KS2: Research an environmental issue and design a creative poster to raise awareness.

## Week 2

**Story:** Bezalel and Oholiab (Exodus 31:1–6)

**Bible Verse:** Exodus 31:3 - *and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills*

Suggestions for Class Worship:

EYFS/KS1: Make a simple craft using recycled materials.

Lower KS2: Write about a time they used a skill to help someone.

Upper KS2: Plan a mini project using their talents to serve the school or community.

## Week 3

**Story:** Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14–30) alongside Gordon the Meanest Goose On Earth

**Bible Verse:** Matthew 25:29 - *For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.*

Suggestions for Class Worship:

EYFS/KS1: Role-play sharing talents with friends.

Lower KS2: Create a 'talent tree' with leaves showing different gifts in the class.

Upper KS2: Write a reflection on how they can develop a talent they've been hesitant to use.

## Week 4

**Story:** God's Masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10) alongside I Am Brave

**Bible Verse:** Ephesians 2:10 - *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

Suggestions for Class Worship:

EYFS/KS1: Draw a self-portrait and write one kind word about themselves.

Lower KS2: Create a 'masterpiece gallery' celebrating each child's uniqueness.

Upper KS2: Write a letter to themselves affirming their strengths and gifts.

## Week 5

**Story:** Joseph's Dreams (Genesis 37) alongside In My Heart: A Book Of Feelings

**Bible Verse:** Genesis 37:5 - *Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more.*

Suggestions for Class Worship:

EYFS/KS1: Draw a picture of something they dream of doing.

Lower KS2: Write a short story about a dream coming true.

Upper KS2: Create a vision board with images and words representing their hopes and goals.

## Week 6

**Story:** Psalm of Praise (Psalm 139) alongside Lunar New Year

**Bible Verse:** Luke 23:34 - *Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.*

Suggestions for Class Worship:

EYFS/KS1: Sing a song of praise and dance to celebrate being wonderfully made.

Lower KS2: Write a praise poem or song about themselves or someone they admire.

Upper KS2: Create a gratitude journal entry focused on their unique qualities.

# Collective Worship; Summer 2

Theme: Hope

## Week 1

**Story:** The Invisible String by Patrice Karst

**Bible Verse:** Jeremiah 29:11 *I know the plans I have for you," announces the Lord. "I want you to enjoy success. I do not plan to harm you. I will give you hope for the years to come.*

**Suggestions for Class Worship:**

EYFS/KS1: Draw a picture of someone you are connected to by an 'invisible string'.

Lower KS2: Write about a time you felt hopeful even when things were hard.

Upper KS2: Create a 'Hope Web' in class linking hopes for the future.

## Week 2

**Story:** Joseph and His Dreams (Genesis 37)

**Bible Verse:** Romans 12:12 - *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

**Suggestions for Class Worship:**

EYFS/KS1: Make a dream cloud with drawings of hopeful dreams.

Lower KS2: Retell Joseph's story and highlight moments of hope.

Upper KS2: Write a reflection: 'What helps me stay hopeful during challenges?'

## Week 3

**Story:** The Lion and the Mouse

**Bible Verse:** Proverbs 12:25 - *Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up.*

**Suggestions for Class Worship:**

EYFS/KS1: Act out the story and talk about how kindness brings hope.

Lower KS2: Discuss a time when a small act of kindness made a big difference to you

Upper KS2: Write about how a small act of kindness made a big difference.

## Week 4

**Story:** Ruth and Naomi (Ruth 1:16–17) alongside The Goodbye Book by Todd Parr

**Bible Verse:** Ruth 1:16 *"But Ruth replied, 'Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.'"*

**Suggestions for Class Worship:**

EYFS/KS1: Draw a picture of someone or something they will miss and something they're looking forward to.

Lower KS2: Write a short letter to someone they're saying goodbye to, expressing hope for the future.

Upper KS2: Reflect on a time of change and write about how they grew through it.

## Week 5

**Story:** Jesus Calls the Disciples (Matthew 4:18–22) alongside Maybe by Kobi Yamada

**Bible Verse:** Matthew 4:19 - *"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."*

**Suggestions for Class Worship:**

EYFS/KS1: Create a "future star" with drawings of what they might become.

Lower KS2: Write a story about a character who discovers their purpose.

Upper KS2: Create a personal mission statement or vision board for the next school year.

## Week 6

**Story:** Abram's Journey (Genesis 12:1–4) alongside The Koala Who Could by Rachel Bright

**Bible Verse:** Genesis 12:1 - *The Lord had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.'*

**Suggestions for Class Worship:**

EYFS/KS1: Draw a picture of something new they're excited to try.

Lower KS2: Write about a time they were nervous to try something new but did it anyway.

Upper KS2: Create a "faith journey map" showing steps they've taken and hopes for the future.

## Week 7

**Story:** The Potter and the Clay (Jeremiah 18:1–6) alongside What Do You Do With a Chance? by Kobi Yamada

**Bible Verse:** Jeremiah 18:6 - *"Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand."*

**Suggestions for Class Worship:**

EYFS/KS1: Make a clay or playdough model of something they want to be or do.

Lower KS2: Write a short story about someone who takes a chance and grows.

Upper KS2: Reflect on how they've changed this year and write a letter to their future self.