**St Nicolas and St Mary School**

**Guidance and Ideas for Class Worship**

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The aim of class worship is to develop pupil spirituality and allow time for reflection within a Christian context, for example on a Christian story or value. If the whole school are working to a particular theme or value then materials will be provided in advance which you can adapt to your year group. Assembly content may also link to PSHCE, British Values or SMSC.

In response to feedback from teachers and pupils, every few weeks there will be a planned free-choice class worship session. This allows for the class to focus on something which is relevant to them, or to carry out a worship activity which has been chosen by the class. This is a great opportunity to get pupils involved with the planning of class worship, which could take place during an early morning work session or at the end of the previous day.

In order for class worship to be consistent across the school, during the 15 minute period **please can every class ensure that they:**

* Light a candle at the start of the worship in the Reflection area or at the front of the class and extinguish it at the end (as we do during whole school/KS assemblies).
* Say a prayer at the end of the worship. This could be a class prayer, the School Prayer, the Lord’s Prayer or a prayer made up by some of the children or something that someone has pre-written.

**Other optional ideas for class worship.**

* Sing an assembly song – this could be chosen by pupils the previous day. You may like to accompany the song with percussion, other instruments (eg guitar) or the CD backing track. If relevant, children could lead actions to the music. Hymn lyrics and some backing tracks are saved in the Hymns folder in the T share.
* A Bible story – read to the children, by the children or directly from their own Bibles (Years4-6), dramatized, in a video clip etc
* Use materials from your Reflective areas eg putting a picture of someone or something which you want to think about or pray for in your Class frames or use your sorry boxes.
* Answer a Big Question which is related to our current Christian value (eg What do you HOPE for?) or one which the children have thought of themselves.
* Look at and discuss a Christian image eg from the NATRE Spirited Arts competition, a stained glass window or a piece of Christian artwork.
* Read and reflect on a Christian poem.
* Allow additional time to discuss a Christian concept you have encountered during an RE lesson, enabling children to dig deeper.

***Don’t forget to ask the children what they would like to do in their next free choice class worship session. For example, they may like to act out a Bible Story, perform a piece of music or dance or write down their thoughts.***