

Spring Overview

7 January to 12 April 2019

DATE w/c	SCRIPTURE	ASSEMBLY	HYMN SUGGESTIONS
7 Jan	Matthew 2:1-12	A Gift for the King To celebrate the Feast of Epiphany, this assembly guides pupils in meditation on the journey of the kings and helps them discover what gifts they can give to Jesus.	- Traditional: "As with gladness men of old" from hymn by C.Kocher - Contemporary: " Love Came Down " by Kim Walker-Smith
14 Jan	Luke 3:15-16, 21-22	Child of God In this week's Gospel, Jesus is baptised and hears God's voice from heaven saying, "You are my Son." Through a performed drama, children will learn that they too can be members of God's family.	- Traditional: "Come to the Water" by John B.Foley - Contemporary: " I Am Who You Say I Am " by Hillsong Worship
21 Jan	John 2:1-11	An Abundance of Love Children will watch an animation of Jesus' first miracle at the wedding of Cana, where he turned water into the best wine the steward had ever tasted. In this assembly, children will consider how they can be like Jesus and show an abundance of love to those around them.	- Traditional: "Be Still and Know that I am God" unknown, harmony by Stephen Dean - Contemporary: " Dry Bones " by Nikki Fletcher and others
28 Jan	Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21	I'm on a Mission! Jesus describes his mission from God as to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. Through the personal testimony of a young boy, pupils will consider what it means to be a missionary.	- Traditional: "Bring forth the Kingdom" by Marty Haugen - Contemporary: " The Cause of Christ " by Kari Jobe
4 Feb	Luke 2:22-40	I'm Special! The Gospel this week shows the Presentation of Jesus at the temple. Jesus was expected long before he was born, just like us! Children will learn how precious life is; a gift from God.	- Traditional: "In his temple now behold him" by Henry J Pye and William Cooke - Contemporary: " All Things New " by Hillsong Worship
11 Feb	Luke 5:1-11	Will You Follow? The Gospel this week shows Simon, James and John giving up everything they had to follow Jesus. Through a drama to be performed, pupils will consider what is most important to them.	- Traditional: "All that is hidden" by Bernadette Farrell - Contemporary: " I Will Follow You " by Kristene DiMarco
25 Feb	Luke 6:27-38	Love Your Enemies Jesus teaches us to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us. Children will perform a drama, showing practical ways in which they can love their 'enemies' every day.	- Traditional: "Freely, Freely" by Carol Owens - Contemporary: " Set Apart " by Worship Central

More assemblies overleaf...

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Lent 2019

The following assemblies are all part of Lent, which this year uses the theme ‘**Draw Me to Your Presence, O Lord.**’ Our theme song for Lent has the same name and can be used in place of the suggestions below or as entrance music. A special Lent service for children will be provided based on this theme.

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4 March	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	Into the Garden Ash Wednesday falls within this week, and with it the start of Lent. The Gospel reading about prayer, almsgiving and fasting is explained through a guided meditation where children imagine themselves as gardeners who have to tend, prune and feed their hearts.	- Traditional: "Turn To Me" by John B. Foley SJ - Contemporary: " Jesus I Need You " by Gungor
11 March	Luke 4:1-13	I'm Tempted... The Gospel reading this week shows the temptation of Jesus. Through a series of short dramas, children will discuss how they can resist temptation by drawing close to Jesus.	- Traditional: "Be Not Afraid" by Bob Dufford, SJ - Contemporary: " Lord I Need You " by Matt Maher
18 March	Luke 9:28-36	Transfigured In the Gospel this week we learn that Jesus' face shone - was transfigured - when he spent time with God. Children will watch a mini-documentary and be encouraged to spend more time in God's presence in order to reflect his light.	- Traditional: "Christ if the world's light" by F.Pratt Green - Contemporary: " Transfiguration " by Hillsong Worship
25 March	Luke 13:1-9 / Psalm 102: 1-4, 6-8, 11	Show Some Mercy Through films of children enacting examples in day to day life, pupils will learn what is meant by mercy. The scripture explains that because of the mercy that God has showed to us, we are able to show mercy to others.	- Traditional: "You Are Near" by Daniel L. Schutte - Contemporary: " Kyrie Eleison " by Chris Tomlin:
1 April	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	All At Sea Through a modern-day retelling of the parable of The Prodigal Son, children will reflect on what being in God's presence means to them.	- Traditional: "Our Father, We Have Wandered" by Erik Routley - Contemporary: " Good, Good Father " by Chris Tomlin
8 April	John 8:1-11	Release the Peace This week's Gospel passage highlights that we are all sinners in need of God's forgiveness, and that we should forgive others too. This assembly relates the scripture to a real-life story of a family who forgave and now campaign for peace.	- Traditional: "Hosea (Come Back To Me)" by Gregory Norbet - Contemporary: " Heart of God " by Hillsong Worship: