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RIPPLE

A collective worship approach



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INTRODUCTION

RIPPLE is an evidence based approach to collective worship that has been designed to be used in all schools, ensuring that collective worship remains context specific. It is rooted in the work of the Jubilee Centre for Character Education. RIPPLE takes place over a 6 week / half term. The RIPPLE approach is designed to run alongside each Christian value in turn, taking the school community on a journey, developing a deeper understanding of each value and leading to change.

Each letter of RIPPLE has a different focus:

R – recognise

I – I (me)

P – people

P – partner

L – lead

E – equip

Each letter covers approximately a week. There are reflection questions to be used across the week in the different forms of worship (whole school, key stage, class) and questions for evaluation and monitoring for collective worship leads and governors. There are also links to spirituality and where this can be further explored through collective worship.

Two examples of what RIPPLE may look like over a half term have been included using the values of compassion and peace. In your own planning for collective worship you may want to add other Bible stories, examples of other people or different scripture. The example is there to guide you through the RIPPLE approach and introduce you to each concept and the kind of questions that may help the school community to reflect and further question.

Alongside the RIPPLE approach there is also a journal that can be completed either individually or as a class. This will give the children time following or during the worship to reflect deeply on the questions raised and gives them the opportunity to respond.

Half termly overview

	Spirituality	Weekly reflection questions	Evaluation / monitoring questions
R Recognise	'MIRROR' Looking in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does this Christian value mean? • What does Jesus say about this? • What does it say about this Christian value in the Bible? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the pupils understanding of what this Christian value means? • What is the pupils 'theological' understanding of this Christian value?
I I – me	'MIRROR' Looking in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do I display this Christian value? • Why is this Christian value important to me? • Is this Christian value a strength of mine? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What opportunities are the pupils given to be able to self-reflect? • How are the pupils able to see their own strengths and weaknesses?
P People	'WINDOW' Looking out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who do I know who displays this Christian value? • Are there any people in the past can I learn from? • Who displays this Christian value in the Bible? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are pupils able to show what they have learned from the example of others?
P Partner	'WINDOW' Looking out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I / we support others through this Christian value? • How can we act to improve the lives of others? • Who can I partner with / learn from today? (courageous advocates) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do pupils show their understanding of the impact they can have on others lives?
L Lead	'DOOR' Going out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I be a role model? • How can I learn from Jesus as a role model? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do pupils behave differently following Collective Worship? • How have the Collective Workshops enabled pupils to flourish?
E Equip	'DOOR' Going out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So now I know about this Christian value, how will I respond? • What will I do differently? • What can I teach others about this? • How can I equip others? 	<p>observation - pupil voice – discussion with CW Lead</p>

6 week Collective Worship example plan using RIPPLE – Christian Value / Theme: Compassion

	Spirituality	Ideas	Weekly reflection questions
<p>R Recognise Week 1</p>	<p>'MIRROR' Looking in</p>	<p>Scripture for the week: <i>The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. James 5:11</i></p> <p>Bible story of the week: <i>Jonah</i></p> <p>Introduction to the Christian Value of compassion. Look at the dictionary definition of compassion – synonyms for compassion What does this value mean as a <u>Christian value</u>? Read the story of Jonah – why are we reading this story for compassion? Who showed compassion to Jonah? What does this story tell us about God's nature? What does the weekly scripture mean? Does this fit with our story?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does this Christian value mean? • How would I recognise compassion? • What does Jesus say about this? • What does it say about this Christian value in the Bible?
<p>I I – me Week 2</p>	<p>'MIRROR' Looking in</p>	<p>Scripture for the week: <i>The Lord is kind and does what is right. Our God is compassionate. Psalm 116:5</i></p> <p>Bible story of the week: Noah</p> <p>Read the story of Noah – where is the compassion in the story? Who is showing compassion? What do we learn about God from this story? What can I learn from this story? When do I show compassion? Do I <u>always</u> show compassion? Is this something I am good at? What does compassion look like? What am I doing when I am compassionate? Are there times when I should have been more compassionate than I was? When do I need to show compassion? Is compassion important to me? When have others been compassionate to me? How did that make me feel? Can we only be compassionate to those we know?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do I display this Christian value? • Why is this Christian value important to me? • Is this Christian value a strength of mine?

<p>P People Week 3</p>	<p>'WINDOW' Looking out</p>	<p>Scripture for the week: <i>God has chosen you and made you his holy people. He loves you. So always do these things: Show mercy to others; be kind, humble, gentle, and patient. Colossians 3:12</i></p> <p>Bible story of the week: Moses – <i>The Exodus leading the people out of Egypt</i></p> <p>Read the story of Moses leading the people out of Egypt – where is the compassion in the story? Who is showing compassion? What do we learn about Moses from this story? What do we learn about God from this story? What can I learn from this story? What is this week's scripture saying about God? Think about people from the past, those from the Bible and those from history, who would be great examples to share with the children eg: Mother Teresa, Harriett Tubman, Princess Diana, Ghandi, Helen Keller, Martin Luther King Jr, Dr Barnardo How did these people show compassion? What links me to these people? What can I learn from them?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who do I know who displays this Christian value? • Are there any people in the past can I learn from? • Who displays this Christian value in the Bible?
<p>P Partner Week 4</p>	<p>'WINDOW' Looking out</p>	<p>Scripture for the week: <i>Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Luke 10:33</i></p> <p>Bible story of the week: <i>The Good Samaritan</i></p> <p>Read the story of The Good Samaritan – where is the compassion in the story? Who is showing compassion? What can I learn from this story? What is this week's scripture saying about God? What does the story teach us about how we can support others? Who do I know who shows compassion? Is this a person or an organisation? eg: Christian Aid, Salvation Army, Tear Fund, Compassion UK Look at the work of Compassion UK – look at how they started and the work they do. Why is The Good Samaritan so inspirational to this charity? What can I learn from them? How can I support the work of others / partner with others to be 'an agent of change'?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I / we support others through this Christian value? • How can we act to improve the lives of others? • Who can I partner with / learn from today? (courageous advocates)

<p>L Lead Week 5</p>	<p>'DOOR' Going out</p>	<p>Scripture for the week: <i>The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all he made. Psalm 145:9</i></p> <p>Bible story of the week: Zacchaeus</p> <p>Read the story of Zacchaeus – where is the compassion in the story? Who is showing compassion? What do we learn about Jesus and Zacchaeus from this story? What can I learn from this story about how I behave? What is this week's scripture saying about God? This week's focus is on us as leaders. What have I learned about compassion? What have I learned about Jesus and compassion? Can I learn from this? How can I role model this in school and home? When others look at me, what will they learn about compassion?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I be a role model? • How can I learn from Jesus as a role model?
<p>E Equip Week 6</p>	<p>'DOOR' Going out</p>	<p>Scripture for the week: <i>Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. 1 Peter 3: 8</i></p> <p>Bible story of the week: The Prodigal Son Luke 15: 11-32</p> <p>Read the story of The Prodigal Son – where is the compassion in the story? Who is showing compassion? Could you show compassion as the Father in the story did? What do we learn about this family from this story? Why does Jesus tell this story? What can I learn from this story about how I behave? What is this week's scripture saying about God? As this is the final week of compassion, we are thinking about <u>how we will respond</u>. Now I know about compassion, <u>what will I do differently?</u> What can I teach other people about compassion? How can I equip others to 'go through the door' and be compassionate to others? How have I been changed by the Collective Worship this half term? Do I still have questions?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So now I know about this Christian value, how will I respond? • What will I do differently? • What can I teach others about this? • How can I equip others?

6 week Collective Worship example plan using RIPPLE – Christian Value / Theme: Peace

	Spirituality	Ideas	Weekly reflection questions
<p>R Recognise Week 1</p>	<p>'MIRROR' Looking in</p>	<p>Scripture for the week: <i>I leave you peace. My peace I give to you. John 14:27</i></p> <p>Bible story of the week: <i>The promise of the Holy Spirit John 14:1-31</i></p> <p>Introduction to the Christian Value of peace. Look at the dictionary definition of peace – synonyms for peace. When do we use the word peace? – 'peace and quiet', 'world peace', peace V sign. What does this value mean as a <u>Christian value</u>? Read the story of Jesus' ascension and the promise of the holy spirit. What does this story tell us about God's nature? – that He loves us and so doesn't want us to ever feel alone. That God's love for us can bring us peace to everyone. What does the weekly scripture mean? Why do we 'share the peace' in church?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does this Christian value mean? • How would I recognise peace? • What does Jesus say about this? • What does it say about this Christian value in the Bible?
<p>I I – me Week 2</p>	<p>'MIRROR' Looking in</p>	<p>Scripture for the week: <i>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Romans 12:18</i></p> <p>Bible story of the week: <i>Joseph's forgiveness Genesis 45: 4 – 15</i></p> <p>Read the story of Joseph's forgiveness of his brothers – where is the peace in the story? On the face of it, this story is about forgiveness. Forgiveness plays a huge role in arriving at peace. The reunion between Joseph and his brothers marked a moment of healing, showing how pain and suffering can be transformed into reconciliation and peace. What can I learn from this story? Have I had to forgive to restore peace? Are there times when I should have been more like Joseph than I was? What does peace look like? What's happening / not happening when there is peace? How does it make me feel when I see places in the world where there isn't peace? Do I see myself as a peaceful person? What does this mean? Is peace important to me? When have others tried to create peace for me? How do I feel when I'm peaceful? When do I not feel peaceful?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do I display this Christian value? • Why is this Christian value important to me? • Is this Christian value a strength of mine?

<p>P People Week 3</p>	<p>'WINDOW' Looking out</p>	<p>Scripture for the week: <i>Lord, listen carefully to my prayer Nehemiah 1:11</i></p> <p>Bible story of the week: <i>Nehemiah's reconciliation Nehemiah 1:11 – 7 (simple version of this story can be found in The Lion Bible for Children, Watts & Cann)</i></p> <p>Tell the story of Nehemiah rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. Why are we telling this story for peace? The point of this story is that before Nehemiah did anything, he prayed. Talk to the children about the idea of prayer being the first step in building peace.</p> <p>What do we learn about Nehemiah from this story? What do we learn about God from this story?</p> <p>What can I learn from this story?</p> <p>What is this week's scripture saying about God?</p> <p>Think about people from the past, those from the Bible and those from history, who would be great examples to share with the children – eg. Ghandi, Buddha, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Abraham Lincoln.</p> <p>How did these people work towards peace?</p> <p>What links me to these people? What can I learn from them?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who do I know who displays this Christian value? • Are there any people in the past can I learn from? • Who displays this Christian value in the Bible?
<p>P Partner Week 4</p>	<p>'WINDOW' Looking out</p>	<p>Scripture for the week: <i>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Matthew 5:9</i></p> <p>Bible story of the week: <i>Paul's bold message Acts 9, 11, 13</i></p> <p>Read the story of Paul's conversion but also the stories from Acts around him spreading the good news of Jesus and his persecution – these stories are important in bringing forward the idea that being a peacemaker often means facing resistance.</p> <p>What can I learn from this story?</p> <p>What is this week's scripture saying about God?</p> <p>What does the story teach us about being peacemakers?</p> <p>Who do I know who promotes peace? Is this a person or an organisation? eg: <i>Peacemakers.org</i>, Nobel Peace prize, Malala Yousafzai</p> <p>Look at the work of Peacemakers.org Also learn about some of the people who have been awarded the Nobel Peace prize.</p> <p>What can I learn from them?</p> <p>How can I support the work of others / partner with others to be 'an agent of change'?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I / we support others through this Christian value? • How can we act to improve the lives of others? • Who can I partner with / learn from today? (courageous advocates)

<p>L Lead Week 5</p>	<p>'DOOR' Going out</p>	<p>Scripture for the week: <i>A child is born to us! A son is given to us! And he will be our ruler. He will be called, "Wonderful Counselor," "Mighty God," "Eternal Father," "Prince of Peace."</i> <i>Isaiah 9:6</i></p> <p>Bible story of the week: <i>Using today's scripture</i></p> <p>Read the scripture from Isaiah 9:6 – talk with the children about who Isaiah was and what a prophet is.</p> <p>Why did Isaiah give Jesus the name of Prince of Peace? How did Jesus live up to this title? What did he do? What titles would others give to describe us? What do we do to live out those titles? What can I learn from this scripture about how I behave? What is this week's scripture saying about God? This week's focus is on us as leaders. What have I learned about peace? What have I learned about Jesus and peace? Can I learn from this? How can I role model this in school and home? When others look at me, what will they learn about peace?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I be a role model? • How can I learn from Jesus as a role model?
<p>E Equip Week 6</p>	<p>'DOOR' Going out</p>	<p>Scripture for the week: <i>Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. 2 Thessalonians 3:16</i></p> <p>Bible story of the week: <i>Jesus calms the storm Mark 4: 35-41</i></p> <p>Read the story of Jesus calms the storm – where is the peace in the story? How does Jesus create the peace? What can I learn from this story about how I behave? What is this week's scripture saying about God? As this is the final week of peace, we are thinking about <u>how we will respond</u>. Now I know about peace and being a peacemaker, <u>what will I do differently?</u> What can I teach other people about being a peacemaker? How can I equip others to 'go through the door' and be a peacemaker? How have I been changed by the Collective Worship this half term? Do I still have questions?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So now I know about this Christian value, how will I respond? • What will I do differently? • What can I teach others about this? • How can I equip others?

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