



*Collective Worship Planning & Guidance – Autumn 2*  
*Peace*



*Now may the Lord of peace himself, give you peace at  
all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.  
Thessalonians 3:16*

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| <b>A Christian perspective on Peace</b>   |
| The word peace in the Bible, from the Greek word (eireinei), refers to a mental attitude of tranquillity based on a relationship with God in the Christian Way of Life. It is a word which describes the result of a person's correct response to God's Grace. The Bible uses peace in two ways. There is personal peace with God which comes when a person accepts Jesus Christ as Saviour. Then, there is the peace of God which is available on a daily basis as the believer participates in the Christian way of life according to the Plan of God.  |
| <b>How do we demonstrate peace as a school community?</b>   |
| <p>Inner peace – it is important for children to learn how to calm themselves down in any range of situation, to cope with a range of anxieties and fears (such as the secondary transfer process, taking public or music examinations), to enjoy silence (sitting in church before the Eucharist service begin), becoming more reflective (asking what does that really mean for me?), and cultivating a contented spirit i.e. at one with yourself.</p> <p>Peace between each other - At the beginning of each academic year, the assemblies led by the Headteacher focus on friendships and being at peace between each other in school. The following themes are explored - making and keeping friends, sorting out arguments, making compromises, letting go of hostile feelings, building bridges, learning how to listen to each other. Some of this is discussed through role play, scenarios and listening to stories.</p> <p>Peace in the community – The theme of peace is developed further to look outwards into the community, respecting differences, listening and talking with those who hold opposite views to you, honoring each other, and finding common ground. Children need time to listen to differing viewpoints and learn respect for each other.</p> <p>Peace in the world – Ultimately, children need to discuss and explore the wider global aspects such as ending wars, working for peace and peacekeeping, talking not fighting.</p> <p>Peace with God – Last but not least, pupils need to learn and be taught about forgiveness, a new start, being reconciled to God; Christians believe that this is where it all must start for true peace be found both inside ourselves and between each other.</p> |
| <b>Questions to consider as a school community</b>  |
| <p>Peace has a range of meanings, from silence to the ending of a war.</p> <p>Peace is something most people long for - an end to hatred, hurting and even harmful noise.</p> <p>But why is peace so hard to find? Are we frightened of silence?</p> <p>Are we incapable of living peacefully with each other, especially with those who are different from us?</p> <p>Finding and making peace is hard work and once it is found, it needs to be guarded very carefully.</p>   |
| <b>Bible Stories Relevant to this Value</b>   |
| <p>Jesus brings peace to the storm on Lake Galilee –Luke 8:22-25.</p> <p>Paul talks of Jesus being the person who can bring peace between opposing groups of people – 2:14 -18.</p> <p>Paul prays for peace among the people to whom he writes –2 Corinthians 13:11-13.</p> <p>Jacob and Esau - Genesis 25, 33</p> <p>Abigail, David, and Nabal - 1 Samuel 25</p> <p>Jesus Gives Us Peace - John 14:27–31</p>   |
| <b>Stories form other Faiths</b>  |
| <p><u>Islam</u><br/>The story of Muhammad (PBUH) <a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/102/islam--religion-of-peace">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/102/islam--religion-of-peace</a><br/>Hudaibiyah Peace Treaty: Qur'an Stories <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CF1f1ap-Sqo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CF1f1ap-Sqo</a></p> <p><u>Sikhism</u><br/>The Story of Guru Nanak <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/primary-school-assemblies-collective-worship-ks2-guru-nanak/zpbddp3">https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/primary-school-assemblies-collective-worship-ks2-guru-nanak/zpbddp3</a></p> <p><u>Buddhism</u><br/>The Buddha's Birth, Enlightenment and Death - <a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/249/the-buddhas-birth-enlightenment-and-death">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/249/the-buddhas-birth-enlightenment-and-death</a></p>   |
| <b>Worship Songs</b>  |
| <p>Peace, perfect Peace<br/>Here I am to worship<br/>Let there be peace on earth<br/>Make me a channel of your peace<br/>Be Still<br/>Father, we adore you</p>  |

|               | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday            | Thursday        | Friday  |
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| <b>Week 1</b> | Not a peaceful conflict – Guy Fawkes  | Remembering<br><a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/3000/remembering">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/3000/remembering</a>                          | Celebration Assembly | Songs of Praise | Clergy Led worship based on our value of Peace. |
| <b>Week 2</b> | Treating People Fairly<br>Hebrews 12. 1-2   | Poppy Appeal  |                      |                 |   |
| <b>Week 3</b> | Making Wise decisions<br>Isiah 1.17   | Symbols of Peace<br><a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2573/peace-and-its-symbols">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2573/peace-and-its-symbols</a> |                      |                 |   |
| <b>Week 4</b> | Seeking God's love in action<br>Matthew 20. 1-16  | The coming of Jesus is foretold<br>Isaiah 9. 6  |                      |                 |   |
| <b>Week 5</b> | Seeing the whole Picture<br>2 Corinthians 8.21  | The angel announces good news to Mary<br>Luke 1. 26 – 38  |                      |                 |   |
| <b>Week 6</b> | Keeping God's Rules<br>Exodus 20  | Mary visits Elizabeth<br>Like 1. 39 – 45  |                      |                 |   |
| <b>Week 7</b> | Mahatma Gandhi - a role model for peace<br><a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2619/peace">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2619/peace</a>            | Jesus is Born<br>Luke 2. 5 - 18   |                      |                 |   |
| <b>Week 8</b> | A peaceful Christmas<br><a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/4018/a-peaceful-christmas">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/4018/a-peaceful-christmas</a> | The coming of the Magi<br>Matthew 2. 1 – 12   |                      |                 |   |