

This half term will focus on – Unity

In the Bible, unity is shown through people choosing to care for one another, work together, and treat everyone with kindness, respect, and love. It teaches that although each person is unique, with different talents, backgrounds, and ideas, everyone has an important part to play in helping a community thrive. Unity is seen when people support each other in difficult times, celebrate each other's successes, forgive mistakes, and work towards shared goals. This message encourages both children and adults to build strong, inclusive relationships where everyone feels valued, welcomed, and able to contribute.

Collective Worship/Assembly

- ✓ As the children collect for worship please remind them to enter reverently
- ✓ Music and Methodist Art displayed as a focus as children enter
<https://www.methodist.org.uk/faith/the-methodist-modern-art-collection/>
- ✓ Ethos Group to lead by setting up our Worship table, run the IT and to join in with readings/prayers wherever necessary.
- ✓ All adults will remain present in worship
- ✓ Snapshots of what has been covered in Worship and what the children will take away with them to apply into their own lives will be captured in our Worship Evaluation Book.
- ✓ Songs to be chosen linked to content of worship. (suggestions in example Powerpoint)
- ✓ Reflection Time and prayers linked to our Spirituality Areas.

Songs for Autumn 1

Welcome everybody- fishcy

Build up - fishcy

Colours of day

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KmBUJzsvRcg>

Build your kingdom here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cElZogiW6OY>

He's got the whole world in his hands

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aU3HIPFGLHI>

Our god is a great big god

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m8obB5mZxHs>

We are marching

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eURqdgghQkc>

If I were a butterfly

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KaLzudhlxxk>

Entry into worship music/song suggestions

Bind us together Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sKs9DWG6P3g>

Together we rise up

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lovwy_mt2uo

Theme/focus for the Week		Monday-	Tuesday-	Wednesday- <u>KS1 and KS2</u>	Thursday-	Friday- Celebration Assembly (Teachers to alternate leading)
		Led by a member of SLT - Bible Story Linked to school value and this half term's value.	Class Teacher - God's Big Story	Member of clergy every week	KS1 and KS2 Epworth Worship Together with resource sheet that accompanies Epworth Worship and/or In Class Worship with an activity for our Worship Book/Reflection Area.	KS2 Upper am Lower pm
Week 1 – Wk Beg 29.08.26	Love & Unity		INSET	Lead By SLT Introduce the value of Unity and what it means. Expectations for the year in school. Bible Story – † Nehemiah 3: Rebuilding the Walls. Link to how we must all work together and treat each other with kindness.	<u>Class Worship</u> <u>As we may not have an Epworth Worship</u> <u>here's a class worship activity -</u> Give each child one paper brick. Ask them to write or draw one answer to: "How can I help make our class or school stronger?" Ideas might include: • being kind • helping someone who is lonely • smiling • sharing equipment • listening carefully • trying my best • including others • encouraging someone • looking after the classroom • praying for others One by one, invite children to come and stick their brick onto the wall. As each brick is added say: "Every brick makes the wall stronger." By the end, you'll have a colourful class wall made from everyone's contributions.	Format- ✓ Review of Bible stories discussed ✓ Certificates ✓ Reflection and School prayer to close

Week 2 Wk beg 07.09.26	Serve & Unity	Bible Story – Acts 4:32 The Early Church Fellowship. A church is the people not the building. The disciples worked together to Serve Jesus God's Story: Acts Some great ideas - Sharing Is Caring Crossroads Kids Acts 2:42	KS1 – Abi Walton KS2 – Rachel Jones GBS – Message from Bishop Philip	Member of the Clergy to lead worship	<u>Class Worship</u> Epworth Worship & Resource sheet activities. Or – Who Needs It Most? Place picture cards or objects around the room. Examples: • Sad face • Hungry child • New pupil • Elderly person • Someone who fell over • Someone worried Children move to the one they'd help first. Ask: How could our class help someone like this? Link to the early church caring for everyone's needs.	
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Week 3 Wk beg 14.09.26	Celebrate & Unity	Bible Story – Paul and Silas in Prison Bible Heroes of Faith Paul and Silas in prison Acts 16:16–34	KS1- Emili Peake KS2 – Sara Kirkpatrick GBS – The Ark and the Rainbow – Trust and obey	Member of the Clergy to lead worship	Epworth Worship & Resource sheet activities <u>Class Worship</u> To the song 'If your happy and you know it' Children can write or draw their message on the music note. Examples: 🎵 "Don't give up!" 🎵 "You're not alone." 🎵 "Keep on going!" 🎵 "Believe in you." 🎵 "I can help you." 🎵 "Things can get better." 🎵 "You are important."	
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Week 4 Wk Beg 21.09.26	Together & Unity	Bible Story – Genesis 33 – Jacob and Esau reconcile after years of conflict.	KS1 – Emily Lightbown KS2 – Helen Bamber GBS – Francis Xavier Cabrini – dedicated and determined	Member of the Clergy to lead worship	Epworth Worship & Resource sheet activities <u>Class Worship</u> Give each pair/group a few strips of paper. On each strip, children write one thing that can help people make peace. Ideas: • saying sorry • listening • forgiving • being kind • talking calmly • understanding someone's feelings • giving someone another chance • admitting when we are wrong • showing kindness Make a paper chain or something creative with the strips of paper.	
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Week 5 – Wk Beg 28.09.26	Love & Unity	Bible Story – Genesis 45 – Joseph forgives his brothers and restores family unity.	KS1- Abi Walton KS2 – Andy Baybutt GBS – Rebellion in the Wilderness – living God’s way.	Member of the Clergy to lead worship	Epworth Worship & Resource sheet activities <u>Class Worship.</u> Children can show thumbs up for a response that helps and thumbs down for one that doesn’t. Read out scenarios such as: 1. Someone says something unkind to you. A: Say something even nastier back. B: Tell them calmly that they have upset you. 2. Your friend makes a mistake that hurts your feelings. A: Refuse to speak to them for the rest of the day. B: Talk to them and give them a chance to say sorry. 3. Someone has apologised after doing something wrong. A: Decide to forgive them. B: Keep reminding them about what they did. 4. Two friends are arguing. A: Take sides and make the argument bigger. B: Encourage them to listen to each other. 5. Someone has hurt your feelings. A: Choose kindness and try to move forward. B: Try to get them back. After each one, ask "Why?" and allow a couple of children to explain.	
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Week 6 – Wk Beg 5.10.26	Serve and Unity	Bible Story – Joshua 6 – Israel works together to defeat Jericho.	KS1 – Emili Peake KS2 – Maddie Wilson GBS – Meet Rev Claire – Police Officer and Priest	Member of the Clergy to lead worship	Epworth Worship & Resource sheet activities <u>Class Worship</u> The Silent Team Challenge – 5 minutes Tell the children: "Your challenge is to organise yourselves into groups without speaking!" Give them a simple challenge such as: Challenge 1: Line yourselves up from shortest to tallest. Then try: Challenge 2: Line yourselves up in alphabetical order by first name. But there is one rule: You cannot speak! Children will need to use gestures, facial expressions and teamwork to complete the challenge. Once they have finished, ask: • What made the challenge difficult? • How did you communicate without speaking? • Did everyone need to take part? • What happened when people worked together?	
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Week 7 – Wk Beg 12.10.26	Celebrate and Unity	Bible Story –  1 Corinthians 12: The Body of Christ. The Apostle Paul describes how individual followers of Christ are connected like the parts of a human body. He emphasizes that everyone is important, and they must work together in harmony.	KS1 – Emily Lightbown KS2 – Shannon Dawson GBS – The King who takes care of his people – Joshua and Rahab	Member of the Clergy to lead worship	Epworth Worship & Resource sheet activities <u>Class Worship.</u> Build the Body Place all the body parts around the room or hand one to each child. Invite children to come up one at a time and add their body part to create a person. As each part is added, ask: "What would happen if we didn't have feet?" "Could we manage without our eyes?" "Is the heart more important than the hands?" When the body is complete, explain: "Paul says the church is like this body. Every person has something special to offer. No one is more important than anyone else, and we work best when we work together." Reflection question: <i>"What is one way you can use your gifts to help our class this week?"</i>	
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Week 8 – Wk Beg 19.10.26		Bible Story – God's Story: Paul's Shipwreck	KS1- Abi Walton KS2 – Mat Rushton GBS – Champion of Hope – Desmond TUTU – Black History week)	Member of the Clergy to lead worship	Epworth Worship & Resource sheet activities <u>Class Worship</u> Ask children to write or draw one thing they could do to encourage or support someone when they are having a difficult day. They could write: • I can listen. • I can help. • I can be kind. • I can include someone. • I can make someone smile. • I can tell someone they are doing well. • I can stay with someone who is upset. • I can remind someone not to give up. Or they could draw a picture showing themselves helping or encouraging someone. Create a class display Collect all the waves and arrange them together on a display beneath the heading: "WE CAN WEATHER THE STORM TOGETHER" You could add a small boat in the middle with the words: "Be an encouragement." This creates a lovely visual reminder that just as the people on Paul's ship needed one another, we can support and encourage the people around us.	
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