



Assemblies for Autumn Term 2019

Amazing Animals Assemblies for the Autumn Term

Introduction :

This Assembly Pack aims to inspire, encourage and engage children in discovering how amazing God is. Throughout the year we will be amazed by awesome animals, we will discover amazing people and will be exploring amazing places that help us understand more about God.

Each assembly focuses on a specific value, theme or keyword and covers many of the spiritual, moral and cultural aspects of the SMSC guidelines.

Overview:

Autumn Term – Amazing Animals. Each assembly will focus on an animal found in the Bible and what values can be learnt from that story, with the exception of the Harvest Assembly that focuses on Dogs as being good companions and the Remembrance Assembly that looks at Doves being a symbol of peace.

Spring Term – Amazing People. These assemblies will look at the lives of significant Christians. Sports people, Musicians, Explorers etc, who can inspire children in different ways.

Summer Term – Amazing Places. Mountains, Rivers, Deserts, Countries (Japan – Olympics), Houses etc. Christians believe God is everywhere. Each place we look at will be linked to a special God inspired event or story.

Visual Aids: A PowerPoint Presentation is available to download for each of these assemblies on the Spinnaker Portal.

Reflection and prayer:

We have focused on reflections that can be used in most settings. There are a few prayers which should only be used with prior permission from the school and must be used sensitively. Remember that many children, even in a faith school are not Christians so you should always give children the option to listen to the prayer, rather than praying with you. Saying something along the following lines, gives children the opportunity to opt in to the prayer. E.g. "I am going to talk to God by reading a prayer. If you would like to make this prayer your own, you can say, 'Amen' at the end."

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	Title	Story (Bible refer- ence)	Theme/Values/Keywords
1	Birds: Do not worry	Matthew 6: 25-34	Introduction to theme of Amazing Animals! Bob the Bird /The very worried Sparrow. In this assembly we find out how to cope with new beginnings. Especially, changes that may cause anxiety. Through sharing the story, children discover that we are all special to God and ways we can learn to cope with worry. Care, peace, calm, emotional well-being
2	Whales: Jonah and the whale	Jonah: 1-4	Facing challenges. Sometimes in life we face challenges we would like to run away from, but this can often lead to an even bigger problem. The story of Jonah teaches us the importance of obedience, and the benefits that can be gained from taking some time out. respect, equality, obedience, fear, courage, tolerance and mutual respect, time out
3	Dogs: Rough sleeper Harvest Assembly		Harvest Thanksgiving: A wordplay assembly using the word harvest. This story of a rough sleeper can help us understand the faithfulness, loyalty and love that a dog unconditionally gives to its owner. This assembly will help children understand the importance of sharing, companionship and why Christians celebrate Harvest. Sharing, giving food, helping, being thankful, hunger (Foodbank or other charities)
4	Camels	Matt 19: 23- 26	Can you be like a camel? Would you be prepared to give up your load to achieve the possible. This assembly focuses on our attitude towards our possessions. What are we prepared to sacrifice/give up in order to achieve our dream, goals and ambitions? Humility, trust, grace, love of money/possessions, priorities- Who or what comes first in our lives? All things are possible with God.
5	Doves	Matt 3: 13-17 Luke 3:21	This assembly looks at the Dove which is an important symbol to Christians. It represents peace (the opposite of war), the Holy Spirit (when Jesus was baptised) and is also linked to the RAF. There are many amazing wartime stories of when pigeons/doves were used to deliver messages. Can we be messengers of peace to others? Love, forgiveness, messages, good communication, peace.

6	Lions	Daniel 6	<p>Can we be courageous like Daniel and be prepared to stand up for what we believe in. Explore the exciting story of Daniel in the lion's den. Use drama to bring the story to life.</p> <p>Individual liberty, tolerance, resilience, choices, courage,</p>
7	<p>Sheep Clues: Fabric clue- e.g. woolly jumper.</p>	<p>Luke 2 365 Stories pg. 280</p>	<p>A Christmas Assembly which focuses on the Shepherds. Why did God choose the Shepherds to be the first to see the newborn saviour? What can we learn from them?</p> <p>Humility, gratitude, appreciation, Saviour</p>