



Collective Worship Booklet

Spring 2 2022

21st February - 1st April 2022



Reconciliation

Verse: “Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the work of reconciling others to Him.” (2 Corinthians 5:18)

Dear YLs, HLs and Mentors.

Welcome to Spring 2.

This half term leads us towards Easter and so it will come as no surprise that we will be picking up on the hope, inspiration and challenge that Jesus’s life and sacrifice holds out to us for today. If I had to sum up Easter in one word, it would be Reconciliation.

However, it occurs to me that the Easter story really cannot be fully understood or appreciated unless placed in the Bible’s wider narrative of Creation, De-creation and Recreation (or reconciliation).

To help our students with this, Year assemblies will feature a series of five short talks from renowned author and speaker, Francis Chan, who will walk through the big story which the Easter story fits into.

But as helpful as I think this knowledge will be for our students, I don't think head knowledge is enough if it doesn't impact on how we live. God is in the business of reconciliation and we are His primary agents. Those talks by Francis Chan were originally directed at students who were about to go on an international mission trip to put their faith into action.

House assemblies this half term will therefore raise awareness of particular issues and charities that fall in certain weeks in the term.

Mentors: Please look out for a Powerpoint doc from me for what to do with your mentor group in one of the three mentor sessions.

Themes and Verses

Week	House	Year Assembly
21 st Feb	<p>Theme: Reconciliation</p> <p>Verse: Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the work of reconciling others to Him.</p> <p>Content: Alex S to record 'Intro to series'</p>	<p>Theme: Reconciliation</p> <p>Verse: Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the work of reconciling others to Him.</p> <p>Content: Greater Than 1 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z8Ea0U9ruOY&t=159s</p>
28 th Feb	<p>Theme: Reconciliation</p> <p>Verse: Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the work of reconciling others to Him.</p> <p>Content: Regenerate Assembly</p>	<p>Theme: Reconciliation</p> <p>Verse: Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the work of reconciling others to Him.</p> <p>Content: Greater Than 2 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fSU_b1hm2wU</p>
7 th March (8 th March- International Women's day)	<p>Theme: Reconciliation</p> <p>Verse: Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the work of reconciling others to Him.</p> <p>Content: 8th March is 'International Women's day' so collective worship could highlight this.</p>	<p>Theme: Reconciliation</p> <p>Verse: Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the work of reconciling others to Him.</p> <p>Content: Greater Than 3 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUv2Y9hZDtM</p>

<p>14th March</p>	<p>Theme: Reconciliation Verse: Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the work of reconciling others to Him. Content: House Captain's Assembly.</p>	<p>Theme: Reconciliation Verse: Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the work of reconciling others to Him. Content: Greater Than 4 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILXAOSVoFvE</p>
<p>21st March</p>	<p>Theme: Reconciliation Verse: Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the work of reconciling others to Him. Content: Bishop's Lent Call focused on Homelessness. Announce the House colours day and the charities that money raised will go to.</p>	<p>Theme: Reconciliation Verse: Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the work of reconciling others to Him. Content: Greater Than 5 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VuDUwuL3Jg4</p>
<p>28th March</p>	<p>Theme: Reconciliation Verse: Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the work of reconciling others to Him. Content: Special Guest Assembly. AS to plan.</p>	<p>Theme: Reconciliation Verse: Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the work of reconciling others to Him. Content: Whole school Easter Assembly/ YL End of Term assembly</p>

Prayers: Starting and ending Collective worship

I continue to encourage YLs and HLs to indicate the transition from any announcements that are given into collective worship by saying:

'In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit...'

Can I also remind all that we finish every day with students- whether in assemblies or mentor groups by saying the Grace prayer:

*'May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit, be with us all,
evermore.
Amen.'*

Further Help?

Don't forget there are lots of resources on the Z drive.

For Mentors, there is good guidance given in the Mentors Handbook which Anessa Lee created and sent out at the start of the year.

For everyone, please do not hesitate to ask me for help or feedback as you start to work on the content for your assemblies.

Christian Meditation

Christian meditation is different to other forms, such as Mindfulness, because the focus is Jesus Christ. Learning to meditate helps us face and resolve conditioned patterns of mind that need to change. It won't make any of us perfect but it helps to calm mental agitation and negative thinking.

'Meditation is a healing process. What is healed is the wound of our divided self that separates us from others, from God and so from our full potential.' (John Main OSB)

How to Meditate in Mentor Groups

Ask all mentees to sit down. Sit still and upright. Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert. Silently, concentrate on a word that you can say repeatedly in your head (for example 'Maranatha' which means 'Come Lord Jesus') or an object such as a candle that you can imagine or actually focus on. Try not to think of anything other than your word or object.

After a minute of silence, direct your mentees to run through their day so far in their heads. Pause between each instruction. *(Please use your judgement about how many of these to include but always include the final two instructions- in bold.)*

Ask them to think and reflect about:

- How they felt when they woke up this morning
- Who they interacted with at home
- Their journey to school
- How they felt when they walked in through the school gates
- Each lesson they had
- When they had worked hard
- What made them feel sad or angry during the day
- Things that had happened that made them feel happy
- **Where they feel that God had been most present in their day**
- **Then ask them to thank God for bringing them to the end of the school day and to place the rest of the day in His hands**

After a time of silent reflection, ask mentees to open their eyes and remain seated quietly. The Grace prayer can be used to finish off this time and/or The Lord's prayer.

The Lord's Prayer Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen

