**Collective worship in <insert school name> 2021 2022**

**(Please fill in and then put this filled in sheet into the Collective Worship Blue ring binder in Maire’s office)**

***School Vision:***

***<insert school vision>***

***<insert school Bible quote>***

Prepare laptop and music in advance of your assembly. Prepare artefacts.

Move the altar table forward with the correct coloured table cloth for the Christian calendar.

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| Date: | Summer Term 2022 - Week 5Collective Worship 3 – Week beginning 16/05/2022 |
| Theme of assembly: *(Circle your option)* | **Key Christian beliefs**: God as creatorJesusThe Holy SpiritThe Trinity The BibleThe church |
| British values(*Circle the option)* | **Democracy, The Rule of Law, Tolerance,** **Mutual Respect, Individual Liberty** |
| Music: | Genre: RnB |
| Entering assembly | Children enter and are settled and focused |
| Greeting options in bold.*(Circle your option)* | **The Lord be with you**. And also with you.**Peace be with you**. And also with you.**This is the day that the Lord has made.** Let us rejoice and be glad.**In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.** Amen |
| Candle or symbol(*Circle the option)* | **Light candle, show picture, show flower, or a colour.** |
| Assembly notes: | **The body of Christ – The Church**International Children’s Bible - Matthew 18:20; Mark 3:34; Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:5; Acts 2:42-47. * If someone asked you “what is the church?”, what would you say?

Many people think of the church as the building. They might talk about the fact that many Christian churches are built in the shape of the cross to represent Jesus dying on the cross for us. They might talk about the altar, the pulpit or the lectern at the front of the church. They might talk about the pews to sit on, the stained-glass windows, the statues and the church spire. These are all traditional parts of church buildings and so they are often what people think about when they hear the word church.But the Bible tells us that the church isn’t the building, it is actually the people. The Church are all those people who love God and have asked Jesus to save them. They are the church even when they aren’t inside the church building.In the book of Matthew, chapter 18 and verse 20, Jesus said that “if two or three people come together in my name, I am there with them.” He doesn’t say they have to be in a church building for Him to be there with them. When we gather for collective worship we “come together in his name” and so we are part of the church here and now today. Isn’t that great news?The Church is described in a number of different ways in the Bible. We already thought this week about the Church being a body and that we are all different parts of it. The Church is also described as a family, God’s family. When we become a Christian, we are adopted into God’s family and become a son or daughter with all the privileges of having the King as our dad. In Mark 3:34, Jesus looked at those sitting around him and said: “Here are my mother and my brothers!” He meant that the believers around him were all part of his family.Another way the church is described is as a building, but not like the church building we described earlier. This is a building made up just of people with Jesus as the most important stone in that building. We the people are like living stones and God owns the building. And this building keeps getting bigger as God brings more people into his family.When the church first got started they didn’t even have a set building of their own. The story of the early church is recorded in the book of Acts. Let’s see what the people did in the early church:*They spent their time learning the apostles’ teaching. And they continued to share, to break bread, and to pray together.**The apostles were doing many miracles and signs. And everyone felt great respect for God.**All the believers stayed together. They shared everything.**They sold their land and the things they owned. Then they divided the money and gave it to those people who needed it.**The believers met together in the Temple every day. They all had the same purpose. They broke bread in their homes, happy to share their food with joyful hearts. They praised God, and all the people liked them. More and more people were being saved every day; the Lord was adding those people to the group of believers.** Did you notice what the early church did? Who can remember some of the things they did?
1. They met together regularly to hear people teach about Jesus.

…we do that at church today…1. They spent time together as friends.

…we do that at church today…1. They shared meals and they prayed together.

…we do that at church today…1. They helped each other and were generous.

…we do that at church today…1. They worshipped God together.

…we do that at church today…It also says that God continued to save people who put their faith in Jesus which caused the church to grow.Even though the things recorded in the Bible happened a long time ago, the same things happen at church today. The church isn’t just about the building or just what happens in that building, it is all about God’s people and who we are together every day wherever we are. |
| Questioning:COULD YOU MENTION OUR VALUES?(Courageous optimism, Boundless creativity, Heartfelt compassion) | Courageous Optimism. Sometimes life can be hard but we can talk to God wherever we are and ask him to give us strength and courage. We don’t have to be inside a church building to talk to God, we are part of his family and can talk to him anywhere and anytime.Boundless Creativity. God created us all differently but together we make up the church. What amazing creativity with so many unique individual people.Heartfelt Compassion. We are part of God’s family. We are God’s sons and daughters and he loves us so much that he chose us to be part of his family.  |
| Reflection time: | e.g. What value can to see/hear in this story? |
| Reflection and stillness time: | e.g. How can you show this behaviour/value/moral of the story/teaching/lesson in the future in your environment/home/school?The church isn’t a building, it is God’s family. Thank God for how much he loves you and that he chose you. |
| Prayers: | Say a known prayerRead a prayer from the prayer book that the children have writtenChild to lead a prayerAdult to lead a prayerPrayers with a repeated responseCollective prayer (lots of children) House Captain/R.E. Focus group prayer |
| Hymn: |  |
| Ending: | **Go in peace, love and joy**. We go in peace, love and joy. Amen.**May the light of Christ shine in all our hearts.** Amen. **This is the day that the Lord has made.** Let us rejoice and be glad.**Let us go into the world as messengers of hope and peace.** Amen.  |
| After the assembly is over: | Play music and blow out candle, if necessary. *When the hall is empty: R.E. Focus group to tidy the hall and put away furniture* |