

Collective Worship: Autumn 1



Value: **Thankfulness**

Thankfulness

God loves and cares for them in many different ways in all aspects of their life. This is a belief shared across other faiths and one which we are exploring through different ideas in our worship. We are learning together about how we can all give thanks and praise whatever our faith or beliefs.

How we can encourage an appreciative and thankful attitude in all members of our school community.

How we can be more thankful for the things we might take for granted.

How we can show Thankfulness in different ways – in our actions, not just our words.

How we give thanks for new members of our school and community and how we welcome new people.

Giving Thanks for God's wonderful world.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures for ever. Psalm 136: 1- 3

And If you would count the blessings of Allah you would not be able to count them..." [Surah Ibrahim 14:34]

Stories from other faiths

Islamic stories

Musa Follows a Wise Man, Ibrahim and Ismail, Walnuts and watermelons

Sikh stories

The Rich Man and the Needle of Heaven, The Milk and the Jasmine flower, The Emperor and the Langar

Buddhist stories

The Four Sights, The Buddha's First Teaching

Week beginning:	Collective Worship		Link to Bible (Chapter and Verse)
Monday 8 th September 2025 Thankfulness in the Bible	1.1 – The Ten Lepers – Healed by Jesus, only one, a Samaritan, came back to thank him. We need to remember to say thank you too.		Luke 17:11-19 Lion Storyteller Bible – The Man Who Came Back – P124 Video
	Gathering	Light a candle R: Peace be with you L: And also with you	
	Engaging	Read the story from the Bible. Have some pictures displayed for all children to see. (Window)	
	Responding	Have you ever forgotten to say thank you to someone before? Have you ever said thank you to yourself? Have you ever said thank you just because your body works? Display the white tree, hang and say a prayer. Leave out for children to add to it. (Mirror and Door) Say the school prayer.	
	Sending	Show the tree with the word 'Thank You' in a heart. Children can press the heart and say a thank you. Blow out the candle, R: Go in peace L: Amen	
Monday 15 th September 2025 Thankfulness in the Bible	1.2 – Paul gets Shipwrecked – Remember to say thanks to God during hardship, not just at the end.		Acts 27 Video
	Gathering	Play some sounds of the wind blowing and waves crashing. Light the candle R: Peace be with you L: And also with you	
	Engaging	Show some images and the word 'Hardship' What does this mean? Watch the video.	
Responding	Question if there have been times when we face hardship? What does our hardship look like? (Mirror) Remind the children of being thankful from last week. And encourage children to remember to give thanks to God, not just once the hardship has ended, but throughout. Give an example of going on a long run and perhaps things are not going your way, give thanks for having a body that is able to run in the first place. Reflection time (Door). Say the Lord's Prayer.		

	Sending	Remind the children of the tree with the word 'Thank You' in a heart. Children may wish to come and press the heart and say a thank you as they leave. Blow out the candle, R: Go in peace and love L: Amen	
Monday 22 nd September 2025 Flourish Day			
	Gathering		
	Engaging		
	Responding		
	Sending		
Tuesday 30 th September 2025 Thankfulness in Action Harvest on Friday	1.3 – Harvest – Gather the children together with lots of harvest produce. Give thanks for our food.		Key Bible Verse: Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Thessalonians 5: 16-18
	Gathering	Light a candle R: Peace be with you L: And also with you	
	Engaging	Have an image of a rainbow on the board. What do you think of when you see this? What is a rainbow? Talk about the rain and the sunshine and why these elements are so important to our world and lives. What would be have without. In a bag, have a range of fruits/vegetables of all the colours of the rainbow (Red-tomato, Orange, Yellow-banana, Green-apple, Blue-blueberry, Indigo/Violet-red cabbage). Reflect back on the rainbow...God provides us with a colourful life, not just in what we can do with our bodies and minds, but also in all the food he has created.	
	Responding	Have a cut up pineapple for children to come and taste (this is my favourite...why do you think I love it so much). Ask the children to think about their favourite fruit or vegetable. Why are they thankful for it? What would life be like without it?	
	Sending	Blow out the candle, R: Go in peace and love L: Amen	

		Give each class picture of fruit and vegetables. Write prayers or the word thank you on them and take these to church on Friday for the Harvest celebration.	
Monday 13 th October 2025 Thankfulness for Creation	1.4 – The world is a gift from God, and we should appreciate and care for it.		Genesis 1-2
	Gathering	Pictures of our natural world playing on a PowerPoint with music. L: I will give thanks to you Lord with all my heart! R: We are amazed at the beauty we see.	Lion Storyteller Bible – In the Beginning – P8
	Engaging	Have on the table some sand, mud, water, rocks. Invite some children up to come and say what they see. Encourage from discussion about where it is found. What's your favourite thing in nature...plants, animals? Read the Creation Story	
	Responding	How can we show thankfulness for creation? One thing in nature you're thankful for. What do you take for granted? How do you connect with the world around you?	
	Sending	Blow out the candle, R: Go in peace and love L: Amen Song: All Things Bright and Beautiful	
Monday 20 th October 2025 Thankfulness in World Views	1.5 – Gratitude is a universal value. People from all cultures and beliefs express thankfulness in different ways.		
	Gathering	Light a candle R: Peace be with you L: And also with you	
	Engaging	Learn to say 'thank you' in different languages . Discuss; Diwali, Thanksgiving, Buddhist gratitude meditation. Practise a guided meditation for 3 mins.	
	Responding	Why is it important to say thank you? One thing you're thankful for today.	
	Sending	Blow out the candle, R: Go in peace and love L: Amen	