



St John of Jerusalem COE Primary School

Collective Worship Spring

2025-2026

Love of God, Love of Learning, and a Love of one another

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' Philippians 4:13



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Materials for our **Collective Worship**, supplied by the **Diocese of Guildford**, (this material provides the theme for each week): We gather as a community for collective worship that is inspiring, invitational and inclusive, reflecting the fact that we are a part of a diverse school family and the wider church community. This spring term's theme or focal point is on the story of **Daniel and the Lion**. It deals with people of faith taking on difficult and challenging situations yet continuing to **'Shine like Stars.'** **Following on from this in the second half term we link heroes across the world who stood up for justice and peace. We complete this cycle by reflecting on the biggest hero, Jesus Christ as we build upon Lent through to Easter.**

At St John of Jerusalem, we embed and realise our Christian values and vision through our collective worship cycle.

- Monday:** Whole School Collective Worship Assembly
- Tuesday:** Key Stage 1 Collective Worship Assembly. KS2 in class collective worship
- Wednesday:** Key Stage 2 Collective Worship Assembly. KS1 in class collective worship
- Thursday:** Music/Collective Worship Assembly
- Friday:** Praise & Worship Assembly led by SJOJ Church, Rev Father Andrew Wilson & the clergy team



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Week	Theme	Summary	Bible verses	Reflection ideas/ Details	Songs/Prayer
1 (5.1.26)	New Year, new challenge	What would you really like to be different about 2026?	Daniel 12:3 ICB - The wise people will shine like the - Bible Gateway	Epiphany – 3 Kings Day. Reflect upon the Magi being led by a star from God to the Saviour of the World, Jesus Christ. (In class worship and Friday Assembly). Shine like a star: Whole school - Wish / prayer on a star for 2026 – KS1 Prompt pupils to reflect on themselves, KS2 prompt for the wider community in addition to themselves.	Every Step (Official Lyric Video) - Nick & Becky Drake Knowing God is with you every step into a new year with new goals and challenges.
2 (12.1.26)	Food, glorious food!	Daniel serves in the court of King Nebuchadnezzar	Daniel 1 ICB - Daniel Taken to Babylon - Bible Gateway	Shine like a star: draw/write some actions that might ‘ shine like stars ’ this week. Link to selecting a star of the week one from each class for Friday’s assembly	Courage I Official Lyric Video I Songs for School #courage #courageous #school
3 (19.1.26)	In the fiery furnace	The friends refuse to bow down to the golden statue.....and are rescued from the fiery furnace	Daniel 3 ICB - The Gold Idol and Blazing Furnace - Now - Bible Gateway	Shine like a star: stand up for what is right; stary scenario cards.	Being a friend - BBC Teach (use in-class)
4 (26.1.26)	Daniel and the King’s dreams	Proud King Nebuchadnezzar has some strange dreams, which contain a warning from God	Daniel 4 ICB - Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream of a Tree - Bible Gateway	Shine like a star: hold a star and think about what it might mean to be wise this week. What is wisdom? Pupils reflect on Daniels actions and others they know that show wisdom. Moments of quietness to know that wisdom can be shown in different ways and by different people of all ages and diverse backgrounds. Links to wisdom – resilience, justice, strength, perseverance, meeting challenges head on.	Justice I Official Lyric Video I Songs for School #justice #empowerment Resilience In Me I Official Lyric Video I Songs for School #resilience #perseverance #school #songs
5 (2.2.26)	The writing on the wall	Belshazzar’s feast – and some more words from God	Daniel 5 ICB - The Writing on the Wall - King - Bible Gateway	Shine like a star: the writings on the wall (or the playground!) Positive messages for others. Pupils use chalk to write messages in the playground. In class, write and place a message in a bottle. Read these out during circle time to read out. Pray and acknowledge local, national, and global positive events and how this makes others feel.	Every Step (Official Lyric Video) - Nick & Becky Drake
6 (9.2.26)	The Lions’ Den	Another miraculous escape	Daniel 6 ICB - Daniel and the Lions - Darius thought - Bible Gateway	Shine like a star: what has inspired you about Daniel’s story this half term?	Chain of love - BBC Teach



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HALF-TERM (Lent – 18th February – 2nd April 2026)

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7 (23.2.26)	Heroes of Hope: St Martin de Porres (1579-1639)	A champion of charity, from Peru: 'Everything, even sweeping, scraping vegetables, weeding a garden, and waiting on the sick could be a prayer, if it were offered to God.	Matthew 25:40 ICB - "Then the King will answer, 'I tell - Bible Gateway	Heroes of Hope: St Monica (331-387 CE - Her story focuses us on the impact of unwavering love. As Valentines on 14 th Feb during half term holidays, briefly mention and then commence the introduction of Lent linking to Shrove Tuesday (17.2.26). Lent daily activity booklets for pupils to use. Intro to Lent use in-class worship to expand pupils' responses to a time of giving up something/ serving others.	Chain of love - BBC Teach Prayer focus on preparation, resilience, and regained strength from God in difficult times.
8 (2.3.26)	Heroes of Hope: St. Alphonsa (1910 - 1946)	A saint from India: 'Love is the greatest gift we can give to others. Let us show love and compassion to all, just as God has shown us.'	Greatest Commandment Matthew 22:37-39 NIVUK - Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your - Bible Gateway	In class activity Create two sets of a chain of love, using hand/Heart outlines: Acts of kindness Helping one person is a start. Display in class reflection areas and as a whole school display.	Chain of love - BBC Teach
9 (9.3.26)	Heroes of Hope: Toyohiko Kagawa (1888-1960)	A peacemaker and builder of communities, from Japan. 'It is not enough to have ideals. We must translate them into action.'	Luke 10:25-37 NIVUK - The parable of the good Samaritan - On - Bible Gateway	Focus on the word 'peace' and its connections to school's core values. Link to peace meaning action – safe and just.	Being a friend - BBC Teach Justice Official Lyric Video Songs for School #justice #empowerment Prayer – Micah 6:8 Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.
10 (16.3.26)	Heroes of Hope: Oseola McCarty (1908-1999)	'I can't do everything, but I can do something to help somebody. And what I can do I will do.' Small things with great love...	1 Corinthians 13:13 ICB - So these three things continue forever: - Bible Gateway	Make links to school's core values and mission statement. <i>"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."</i> Philippians 4:13.	Easter Songs from Easter Service Booklet.
11 (23.3.26)	Heroes of Hope: Journey to the Cross	A life of service: Jesus takes the path to the cross (washing feet; words to thief on the cross & John about his mother)	John 13:4-7, 12-14 ICB - So during the meal Jesus stood up and - Bible Gateway	Reflect upon the stations of the cross throughout the week. Palm Cross reflection: how might we serve others and shine like stars this week? Whole school Easter Service Celebration at St John of Jerusalem Church led by Rev Father Andrew Wilson.	Easter Songs from Easter Service Booklet.

END OF SPRING TERM (Easter Holidays)