

Collective Worship Pupil Voice

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- ★ Class 4 (Y4/5) - Eleanor and William
- ★ Worship Team (Y5/6) - Grace, Joe, Jamie, Leo, Flo, Bonnie, Faith and Jess

1) How is collective worship enabling you to flourish spiritually?

- Jess: "It is good to worship all together. It is nice to have a shared understanding."
- Grace: "It helps me connect with God and have more faith in Him."
- Flo: "It helps us to feel less alone."
- Joe: "It helps reflect on problems in our lives through learning in the stories."
- Leo: "Everyone can access what is spoken about in worship because the stories are for all ages."

2) If worship times were banned from your school, what difference would it make?

- William: "If you didn't learn about God, you wouldn't learn how to do good things."
- Eleanor: "We wouldn't get to see Rev. Julie and hear her stories about doing good and bad things, and people may be more likely to do bad things."
- Joe: "If we didn't have it, the younger children wouldn't know about God and how to behave and could do bad things when they grow up."
- Leo: "We wouldn't be able to hear each other's thoughts if we weren't altogether."
- Flo: "It is nice if you have had a stressful day as it calms you down at the end of the day."
- Jess: "It is a good time to reflect. You wouldn't be closer to God if just learning in class; it is a time of reflection."
- Grace: "For some children, if their families aren't religious, they might not get that opportunity outside of school to go to church, reflect, and be closer with God."

3) How do you know worship is having a positive impact on you?

- Faith: "I find it positive to spend time with the whole school as our school community."
- Jess: "It is a time to reflect for me and different from RE when we are learning about religion in class."
- Bonnie: "It is good because we don't have to do anything but can just listen and take it all in."
- Grace: "It is like learning but in a relaxing way."
- Flo: "I can talk to God when having a bad time, and it will make me feel a lot better."
- Joe: "I get to learn something new every day, so it's always a positive experience."
- Jamie: "In Joe's assembly, we learn about the fruits of the spirit, and if the younger children don't know what some of them are, Joe tells a story in ways that children can understand. This helps people to do the right thing."

4) How are worship times making a difference in your lives?

- Joe: "When you leave worship time, you might figure out mistakes you have made and how you can fix it or consider how you might act differently in certain situations."
- Flo: "Whenever I walk out, I always feel like God is with me and that I am never alone, and that I can talk to Him."
- Grace: "When you come out, you feel relaxed and like you can reflect on things with a clear head."
- Bonnie: "It makes me think about religion and if I am a religious person."
- Jess: "I never believed in God when I was younger, but from listening to my parents, attending church, and from worship in school, I have changed my opinion and use God as my role model."
- Grace: "Growing up, I have always been a Christian, and it made me think, was it just because my parents were? But from Class 1 to now and learning more about God, I have realised that I am not a Christian because my parents are; it's because I truly believe."

5) How do you best like to pray?

- Eleanor: "I like to just close my eyes so everything is calm during worship."
- William: "I like to put my hands together."
- Jamie: "I hold my hands, and it feels like God is in them."
- Joe: "I find a quiet space, close my eyes, and put my hands together."
- Leo: "Head down and hands together."
- Flo: "I put my hands out like Julie, and it feels like God is holding them."
- Grace: "I like to pray at church and in worship times as I like to pray with other people and my family at the same time."
- Bonnie: "Close my eyes."
- Jess: "In my bedroom, I look out of the window like God is there."
- Faith: "In the prayer project, we wrote prayers and put them in a jar and read them, for example, say a prayer for our family. I enjoyed this."

6) In what way is worship time inclusive?

- Jamie: "Julie asks us questions, and anyone can answer."
- Grace: "Everyone can go, regardless of religion, skin color, or hair color, and you can believe what you want to believe."
- Joe: "In singing assembly, everyone just joins in, and everyone has a good time."
- Bonnie: "Everyone gets a Storyteller Bible from Class 1, so they know the stories."
- Jess: "Prayer at the end is very inclusive because you can say Amen at the end and make it your own if you want to, but you don't have to."
- William: "There is a candle lit for everyone."
- Grace: "When Wendy has led worship, everyone can quietly say what they want to say to God at the same time, and they can all be different because everyone is saying it at the same time, and no one can hear, and it is private."

7) In what way is worship invitational?

- Joe: "Joe's assembly teaches us life lessons and makes it fun with stories, dances, and songs."
- Jess: "You don't have to say Amen if you don't want to, but you are invited to say it if you want. Also, not everyone in school has to be a Christian, but they can still go to worship; it is fun to learn what other people think."
- Eleanor: "We have lots of different people invited to lead worship, including the Headteacher from Kimbolton."
- Faith: "Everyone is invited. I remember when I was younger, and we had workshops in the classes about different religions, and people came in to talk to us about their religions."

8) In what way is worship time inspirational?

- William: "It teaches you to be more thoughtful and helpful in your life."
- Joe: "It helps you because stories that we have learned help us realise our mistakes in life."
- Flo: "It inspires me to do more kind things."
- Grace: "I think it is inspiring when we write in the worship journal; it feels like I am writing to God and thanking Him."
- Jess: "When listening to stories, it gives me a sense of purpose and teaches me to make the right choices in life."
- Faith: "I find it inspiring when Joe uses the puppet 'Des' as he talks about nice stuff to do and not so nice things. It teaches me that we all make mistakes from time to time."

9) What words would you use to describe worship?



10) If you could change one thing about worship, what would it be?

- Bonnie: "I would like the younger children to have an easier Bible, and then the older ones to have a more complicated one."
- Flo: Agreed with Bonnie. "Like the rhyming Bible to make it fun."
- Joe: "Maybe before lunch, we say the same prayer, which is a specific lunchtime prayer."
- Eleanor: "Children involved in assembly more."
- Jamie: "Worship leaders, daily actions like supervising children going into the hall, and continue to help with prayers in worship."