

PRIMARY COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

Education Sunday is a special day when the churches think about and pray for everyone in schools, colleges, and universities. Each year there is a special theme to help us think about something that is important in education. This year the theme is “The armour of light”.

DISCUSS

When it’s dark in our room and we want to read, how do we read the words? We turn on the light.

If we are walking down a pavement at night, what helps us to stay on the path and not wander into the road? The street lamps.

When the sun goes down and it gets dark, what helps us to see? The moon and stars.

When we drive at night, what do we do to see where we are going? Turn on the headlights.

If we are searching for something in a dark cupboard, what do we use to help us? A torch.

Without the light, it would be a bit difficult to do all those things, wouldn’t it?

GAME

Let’s test that out. Let’s see whether things in the dark are harder to see and more difficult to work out. Let’s look at some pictures and see if we can work out what they are (use the Powerpoint provided).

We do need the dark though it helps us to sleep, to be still and quiet. But the light helps us to wake up, to feel alive and active, things look clearer, and we can feel more alert, we can find our way.

The Bible says that in times of trouble, when life feels a bit dark and, in the times, when we feel tempted to do wrong then we can ask Jesus for help, we can put on the armour of light.

The theme for this assembly is “armour of light”. I wonder what those words mean.

I wonder what light it is referring too. Let’s see what the Bible tells us about the “Armour of light”!

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BIBLE READING

Romans 13: 8-14 (A recording of the passage is available on the Education Sunday website.)

SUMMARY

At school and in life we can sometimes feel lonely, sad, isolated, scared or face difficulties and challenges, it can feel quite dark in those places.

I wonder how we can help light to shine in those dark places?

Perhaps we could share our armour of light with each other.

But how do we do this?

Being a friend of Jesus is like being wrapped up in a snuggly blanket; it keeps us safe, warm, and protected.

We could try to be a good and supportive friend to others, shining light on them and they on us. This is a way of showing love for your neighbour, for those people who we are around us each day at school.

WATCH / SING

If you have facilities for showing videos, you may like to use this song which talks about letting the light of Jesus shine through us.

<https://youtu.be/ITEadEftdnM> – *I am a City on a Hill* – Becky and Nick Drake (We Are Worship)

PRAYER



Makaton sign for light

When people are mean God, shine your light of protection,

When things seem tough God, shine your light of strength.

When I feel like hitting back God, shine your light of patience.

When I am full of hate God, shine your light of love.

Amen

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TO THINK ABOUT / TAKE FURTHER

Could the school council discuss having a safe space for people to go to in the playground?

