

Primary School Collective Worship - Education Sunday 2024

Introduction

After you have introduced yourself and the theme, ask for a small group of volunteers who will carry on a task while you are leading the assembly. You will ask them to create the longest paper chain they can in the time they have. (you can buy ready-made strips that have glued ends from shops such as B & M or online – you might need to have someone helping to supervise.)

The Great Big Quiz of Everything

A pre-prepared PowerPoint is available but can be changed to suit your context.

The music question can be created close to the day of the assembly to enable you to include an up-to-date song.

The idea of the quiz is to show that everyone in the room will have learned something and not necessarily in the classroom.

You might like to show a picture of yourself in your school days (see the slide for that). Explain how you learned Maths and English, Geography and History but not everything in school.

For example:

- Who taught us to ride a bicycle probably a parent
- Who taught us how to get dressed probably a parent
- Who taught us how to look after a pet?
- Who taught us how to dance, how to be kind, how to love and care? I learned some of these things from Jesus, from friends, from grandparents, from people I know. The community in which we live is a great place to learn.

Show the picture of Jesus in the temple

Even Jesus, who was a teacher, learned from others – here in the temple, and when he was older he learned from a Roman Centurion, a widow who gave up her savings, from those who followed him. It says that he grew in wisdom, stature (or good health and well-being) in favour with God (spiritually) and in favour with people (socially). He did his learning in his community and grew up to be just the person God wanted him to be.

Check on the paper chain

Hopefully, by now it's quite long. Get the group to stretch it out and show the school. Talk about how learning is a long unbroken chain that stretches back to the beginning of time – we are taught by people who have been taught by people and so on, and we in turn have our part to play in teaching others. We are all part of the chain to help people grow in wisdom and wellbeing, spiritually and socially.

Let's reflect on that.

Play a video or a song such as:

Let's go deep deep - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1r13ER22Hk

L-O-V-E - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJ9te-Gtfew

Give me oil in my lamp - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30GMjDllEJM

Close in prayer

Close with a prayer that expresses thanks for all who teach us – those in school, in our family, our friends and those in our community.

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