

Collective Worship Resources Guide

There are a multitude of resources available for ‘assemblies’, many of which are very familiar within schools (most notably ‘assemblies.org’). The list below focuses specifically on resources which would support the development of worship in Church schools. If the links below no longer work then a web search for the title should find the new link.

The Imaginor books (Roots and Fruits, Oscar Out of the Box, Jack in the Box) are expensive but are excellent: www.imaginor.co.uk

Worship Workshop - <http://www.worshipworkshop.org.uk/>

Working on Worship – *this is an excellent set of resources that you will also find this resource copied on several other diocesan education websites* – <http://www.cofesuffolk.org/resources#/>

Values for Lifesavers – *excellent free resources:*

<https://www.lifesavers.co.uk/docs/ValuesForLifeSavers-Thankfulness.pdf>

Scripture Union – *frequently update their website with new free resources:*

<https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/resources?f%5B0%5D=context%3A47>

A Teachers Dozen – *These resources were originally created for Church schools to complement the SEAL resources. They are still in print and are very good:* <http://www.teachersdozen.co.uk/>

Open the Book – *Many churches have groups who deliver this within their Church schools (worth discussing with your parish priest)* - <http://www.openthebook.net/home.php>

Prayer Spaces in Schools - <http://www.prayerspacesinschools.com/home>

Barnabas in Schools - *some excellent ready-made collective worships here (often actually better than assemblies.org)* - <http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/>

Anne’s Collective Worship Blog - *some good ideas here:*

<http://annescollectiveworship.blogspot.co.uk/>

CAFOD – *frequently upload new collective worship resources:*

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Education-resources>

Christian Aid – *frequently upload new collective worship resources:*

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/schools>

Spinnaker – *Free resources, worth checking out:* <http://www.spinnaker.org.uk/>

Kidzministry – *some good ideas can be adapted from here:* <http://kidzministry.org/2017/07/13/kids-worship/>

Diocesan Websites

The diocese below have ready-made collective worships for every week of the year.

Ely - http://www.elyeducation.org/main/?page_id=253

Canterbury - <https://www.canterburydiocese.org/childrenandschools/collectiveworship/>

This is by no means an exhaustive list; it is worth browsing for yourself. There is an interactive map of the dioceses here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/about-us/dioceses.aspx> Simply click on the diocese and then it's usually straightforward to find the education or Church schools section, where there will usually be a section for collective worship.

Books (all available on Amazon):

Be Bold (Church House Publishing)- Alison Seaman

Christian Assemblies – Jan Thompson

Collective Worship Unwrapped – John Guest

Church of England Lectionary App

This is a free app, which will tell you what season you are in on any day of the year (and corresponding liturgical colour). It will also give you a brief biography for all of the people who are commemorated within the CofE calendar – some of whom can form a good basis for collective worship.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/download-church-england-apps>