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Collective Worship 16 The Transfiguration into Lent

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http://portsmouth.anglican.org/what_we_do/education/school_staff/teachers/collective_worship/

The Worship – Major themes ‘IN’ and ‘UP’

Music on Entry

Preparation

Purchase luminous (glow in the dark) stars from a toy shop. If you [the Governing Body] can afford to have enough so everyone can take a star away – this would be good.

[Luminous stars typed into Amazon produces many options for purchase.]

My thanks to Rev Tim Sledge at Romsey Abbey for the idea for this collective worship.

Start the worship with a Christian Greeting

e.g. Lighting a Candle and saying “Jesus is the Light of the World”
“The Lord be with you.”
“*And also with you.*”

READING

The reading is from Mark – but perhaps consider retelling it as an amazingly exciting story of wonder. Emphasising how bright Jesus was on the mountain.

Mark 9:2-9

New International Version - UK (NIVUK) - The Transfiguration

2. After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them.
3. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.
4. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.
5. Peter said to Jesus, Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters— one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.
6. (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)
7. Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!
8. Suddenly, when they looked round, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.
9. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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Developing the idea

The glow in the dark stars claim that putting the stars in sunlight for only a few minutes they will glow for hours.

Pray for a sunny day or use bright incandescent light bulbs to charge up the stars.

Darken the hall / classroom so the children can see that the stars are glowing.

Find a way of distributing the stars to everyone present.

The idea is that we need to charge our inner stars every day in Lent (every day of the year really) but then we need to do something with that inner light.

How are we going to wear that star so others can not only see it but benefit from it?

What if we put the star in our pocket?

It would be safe but not only would no one see the light but it wouldn't be getting charged up either.

So try to develop, gathering suggestions from the children, how at this special time of year we are going to focus on the challenge Jesus gave us on earth.

How are we going to charge ourselves up?

How are we going to let others see the light of Jesus?

How are we going to share the benefits of that light?

There may be singing

"This little light of mine."

Further Development

Children and staff could be asked to use the prayer corners in their classrooms to display all the ideas the children come up with in response to the Collective Worship.

You could direct them to a power point on the Diocesan Website which gives a 'worthy idea' for each day of Lent. The links are either:

<http://portsmouth.anglican.org/index.php?id=4415>

or

http://portsmouth.anglican.org/what_we_do/education/information_for_staff/teachers/easter_resources/

Leaving the hall

A few final thoughts to take away:

Remember to take time in Lent to charge up your star.

Look for opportunities to let your light shine.

"The Lord be with you." *"And also with you."*