

Date w/c	Assembly	Hymn Suggestions
2 Sept Luke 14: 25-33	God's Dream This start of term assembly is based on the Scripture for Education Sunday (8th Sept), though it is not explicitly referred to. Through reflection and story children will know that God's dream for their lives is far more fulfilling than material riches or the world's idea of success.	Traditional: Gather Us In by Marty Haugen Contemporary: How Great is Our God by Chris Tomlin
9 Sept Luke 14: 25-33	Planning for the Future Building on last week's theme, this assembly helps children to look forward to how wonderful a life with Jesus can be, and how to ensure that Jesus is the firm foundation at the centre of their hopes and dreams for the future.	Traditional: All That I Am by Sebastian Temple Contemporary: Build Your Kingdom Here by Rend Collective
16 Sept Luke 15: 1-10	I Can't Find My Screwdriver! Children will explore themes of loss and rejoicing through parables of the lost sheep and lost coin. A performed drama about a Doctor Who fan who loses his prized birthday present, will show that Jesus cares for us much more than we could care about even a sonic screwdriver!	Traditional: Sing of the Lord's Goodness by Ernest Sands Contemporary: Love Came Down by Ben Cantelon
23 Sept Luke 16:1-13	Money Money Money! "You cannot be the slave of both God and money," is this week's Key Scripture. Children will be invited to consider what their equivalent to money is: what they may put before God, and how can they enjoy these things and honour God through them by putting God first.	Traditional: Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God by Karen Lafferty Contemporary: Living For Your Glory by Tim Hughes
30 Sept Luke 16:19-31	For Richer, For Poorer The final assembly in a series which addresses material wealth, this week children will learn through a performed drama and the Gospel of the rich and poor men that the way in which we use our time, qualities and material possessions affects our ability to live life to the full.	Traditional: Abundant Life by Marty Haugen Contemporary: Build This House by Lou Fellingham
7 Oct Luke 17: 5-10	Mustardseed Faith Through an animated story, children will learn that it doesn't matter how big or how small their faith is: even with faith the size of a tiny mustard seed, God can do amazing things. This is because the results don't depend on us - they depend on God.	Traditional: Lead Kindly Light by C.H.Purday Contemporary: Faith as Small as a Mustard Seed by Doug Horley (Spring Harvest: Kid's Praise 2000)
14 Oct Luke 17:11-19	Helping Hands This assembly looks at how Jesus constantly offers us healing and help. Using a modern retelling of the story of The Ten Lepers, it will help children to think of ways to respond gratefully to God's help in their daily lives.	Traditional: Sing to the Mountains by Robert J. Dufford S.J. Contemporary: Because of Your Love by Brenton Brown
21 / 28 Oct Luke 18:1-8	Never Lose Heart This assembly helps children understand that if they look for God at work in the small things in their lives, it can remind them to pray throughout the day using different types of prayer.	Traditional: There is a Longing by Anne Quigley Contemporary: Hear Our Prayer by Hillsong United

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4 Nov Luke 19:1-10	The Man Up the Tree Through the story of Zaccheus and a modern-day conversion story, children will explore themes of repentance and forgiveness and have an opportunity to give their lives to Jesus.	Traditional: Freely Freely (God Forgave My Sin) by Carol Owens Contemporary: How Deep Is The Love by Hillsong Young and Free
11 Nov 2 Thessalonians 2: 16-3:5	God's Gift of Forgiveness Building on last week's themes, this assembly helps children to understand that God's mercy is extended to all people, no matter what they might have done. Children will pray that their hearts might be turned 'towards the love of God.'	Traditional: There Is One Thing I Ask by Chris O'Hara Contemporary: I Receive by Hillsong London
18 Nov Luke 21: 5-19	Times of Trouble As well as giving practical advice for dealing with difficulty, this assembly uses the Gospel and personal stories to show that Jesus is with us even in times of trouble.	Traditional: Be Still and Know That I Am God (melody unknown origin) Contemporary: You Will Not Fail Us by Brenton Brown
25 Nov Luke 23:35-43	The Secret King Through an animated film of the story of the thief on the cross who recognised Jesus as king, this week we celebrate the end of the Liturgical Year and the feast of Christ the King!	Traditional: Jesus, Remember Me by Jacques Berthier (Taize) Contemporary: Infinite by Jesus Culture
2 Dec Matthew 24: 37-44	Counting the Days This first assembly of Advent explores what it really means to get ready for Jesus' coming at Christmas, and how preparations for Christmas should bring about change in our own lives.	Traditional: Awake From Your Slumber by Daniel Schutte S.J. Contemporary: Wake Up by Kristian Stanfill
9 Dec Matthew 3: 1-12	Preparing Our Hearts As part of our preparations for Christmas, this week encourages children to consider their hearts and make them right not just for Christmas, but for Jesus' return.	Traditional: Wait For The Lord by Jacques Berthier (Taize) Contemporary: Heart of God by Hillsong Young and Free
16 Dec Matthew 11: 2-11	Overflowing With Joy This last assembly before Christmas highlights the Good News as the source of all our joy and helps children to become more aware of joy in their lives and how to share it with others.	Traditional: Come, O Come Emmanuel Contemporary: Joyful, Joyful by Casting Crowns (other versions available)