



## R.E. LESSON PLAN - WATFORD SCHOOLS TRUST

<b>LESSON TITLE</b> Communion	<b>LEARNING STAGE</b> LKS2	<b>WST TEACHER/DATE</b> Mrs Tricia Bastable /Mrs Johanna Jordan
<p><b>AIM:</b> To understand that the Communion service is an important part of the Christian faith</p> <p><b>LEARNING OBJECTIVE:</b> To consider how Christians remember Jesus.</p>	<p><b>MAIN AREA/S OF LEARNING</b> (Herts R.E. Agreed Syllabus 2017-22)</p> <p>Beliefs and practices Prayer, worship and reflection Symbols and actions</p> <p><b>Other AOL covered:</b> Identity and belonging Sources of wisdom</p>	<p><b>LESSON RESOURCES</b> <b>Link to communion clip</b> Video lesson <a href="https://youtu.be/8WpkTLnFOJo">https://youtu.be/8WpkTLnFOJo</a> Worksheets can be downloaded from <a href="http://www.watfordschoolstrust.org/lesson-plans/">www.watfordschoolstrust.org/lesson-plans/</a></p> <p><b>School to provide:</b> Pencils</p> <p><b>Vocab:</b> Commemorates-remember and celebrate</p>

### Introduction:

Tricia states that we use symbols to help us recognise or remember things. She shows a Poppy and asks the chn if they can say what it is and how it is used today? The Poppy is a symbol of Remembrance. It is the symbol of the Royal British Legion charity and is used to raise funds for the care of people and families of people who have fought for and died to defend our country. There is a special day in November that commemorates the end of the first world war. The Poppy helps us to remember something important. The chn are asked to think of something that reminds them of something that is special to them. It might be an object that reminds them of someone special, a place that evokes special memories, or an important message. (Watford FC stadium fridge magnet, a family plaque and a child's 'Home Sweet Home' embroidery are shown.)

Churches also have a way to remember something important too. Tricia shows a Cross, Patten and Chalice and asks if the chn know what they represent? Christians remember and celebrate Jesus. For Christians Jesus is the most important person who has ever lived. The Bible says that Jesus was God's son, that he came to live on earth to show us what God was like but also to sacrifice himself; giving up his life for us. Jesus died on the cross which is why it has become an important symbol for Christians.

Tricia explains that in their church services Christians often re-enact something Jesus did. She then explains what the word 're-enact' means. Today Christians remember the last meal that Jesus shared with his close friends where he gave them some important instructions. Jesus told his friends to love each other dearly and to remember his sacrifice for them by sharing bread and wine together.

### Main content:

A short animated clip of the Last Supper is shown. Johanna shows Matzah crackers and a glass of wine. She asks the chn what Jesus said about the bread and the wine. She explains that Jesus was telling his friends that he was going to die. He was willing to give up his life as a sacrifice for his friends. When Jesus had finished he asked his friends to remember him by sharing the bread and wine when they met together. This is what Christians do today in their Churches.

Tricia explains that these services may be called The Lord's Table, the Eucharist, or Communion.

There is a short clip of a Church leader re-enacting what happens in a Communion service in her Church today. The Rev's Jacky Barr is from St Andrew's Church, Chinnor, Oxon.

Tricia asks if the chn saw the Patten and the Chalice? Did they notice how Rev'd Jacky held them both up high and then bows really low? That's a way of showing respect. She told us that at a Communion service they remember Jesus' words and actions, breaking bread and sharing wine to remember him.

When Christians gather for this special service, they do so quietly and with grateful hearts. Tricia uses some **British Sign Language** when she says that Christians **say sorry to God** for the **wrong things they have thought, the wrong things they have said and the wrong things they have done**. You see the Bible says that if **people say sorry to God he promises to forgive them**. And that fills them with joy, knowing that they can be forgiven means they can look forward to living their lives as friends with God.

Tricia wonders if the chn can think of an example of something someone may say sorry to God for?

So although different Churches celebrate this service in different ways and may call it different things, it is a special time for Christians reminding them of just how much God loves them.

### **Activity**

A Communion and wordsearch worksheet can be downloaded from our website.

### **Extension/enrichment activities**

Communion cup mindful colouring sheet is available on the Twinkl website.

### **Plenary**

Communion is a time when Christians remember Jesus' death on the cross, giving up his life for them, to restore their friendship with God.

### **Deeper Questions - Possible follow up/class discussion suggestions**

### **Class teacher's notes**

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