



Collective Worship, Autumn Term 2024: The Topsy-Turvy, 'How-to-Be'-at(t)itudes

We gather as a community for collective worship that is **inspiring, invitational and inclusive**, reflecting the fact that we are a part of a diverse school family and the wider church community. At the beginning of a new school year, it is always good to help pupils to re-engage (or engage for the first time!) with your school's vision and values, so please ensure that you do this each week using the suggestions in each of the scripts. This term, we are reflecting on some of Jesus' words in the 'Sermon on the Mount', containing the statements known as the 'Beatitudes' which set out the topsy-turvy manifesto of God's Kingdom. We reflect on how these ideas might help to shape our school community life in the way that we try to treat each other. The 'how-to-be-at(t)itudes' also line up with significant calendar events in this term, such as Harvest and Remembrance, and even towards Christmas, when we will celebrate the topsy-turviness of the story of how God came to earth as a tiny baby through some prophecies, including Mary's own song of worship on hearing the news from Angel Gabriel.

In this overview we have added some extra Bible content for use by clergy or Christian visitors who lead collective worship in the school later in the week after the school leaders have used our materials to open up the theme.

Week	Theme	Details / follow-up	Bible content	Extra Bible Content
1 (3/9)	In our school.....	Your school 'manifesto'. If you're happy....clap your hands!	Your vision reference	Your school vision and values biblical underpinning.
2 (9/9)	Topsy-Turvy Kingdom	Introduction to the 'How-to-be'-at(t)itudes	Matthew 5:1-12	Love everyone Matthew 5:43-48 Take care to be clear that bullying is wrong, and children should ask for help if people hurt them.
3 (16/9)	The Lesson	The story of the Sermon on the Mount	Matthew 5-7	Look at the next part of the Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5:13-16
4 (23/9)	Don't Worry	'Look at the birds....'	Matthew 6:25-34	The disciples were worried about feeding people, but Jesus took care of everyone John 6:1-15
5 (30/9)	Provision / Hope	Connection with HARVEST - God gives good gifts	Matthew 5:3	The widow who shared with Elijah. 1 Kings 17:8-16
6 (7/10)	Humility	Story of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector	Matthew 5:5	Jesus washes the disciples' feet John 13:1-17
7 (14/10)	Justice	'Hunger & thirst for justice' (<i>link to Matthew 25</i>)	Matthew 5:6	Jesus overturns the tables in the temple Luke 19:45-48
8 (21/10)	Forgiveness	Jesus and the woman (story used Spring 24)	Matthew 5:7	Jesus restores Peter John 21:15-17
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9 (4/11)	Wisdom	Seeing with God's eyes (Zacchaeus)	Matthew 5:8 / Luke 19:1-9	The tree and its fruit, what is inside will show in our actions. Luke 6:43-45 You could go on to 46-49
10 (11/11)	Compassion	Blessed are those who mourn.... (Remembrance)	Matthew 5:4	Jesus touches, and heals, the man with leprosy Matthew 8:1-4
11 (18/11)	Peace	Blessed are those who work for peace	Matthew 5:9	Abram and Lot go separate ways Genesis 13

12 (25/11)	Joy	The How-to-be-at(t)itudes bring good rewards	Matthew 5:12a	Share a joyful song or hymn of praise that your congregation enjoy in church and talk about the words.
13 (2/12)	Advent 1	An upside-down kingdom - Mary's story & song	Luke 1:46-55	Consider Joseph's role Matthew 1:18-25
14 (9/12)	Advent 2	An upside-down kingdom - light in the darkness	Philippians 2:15	John 1:1-8 you will need to pull out the references to Jesus as the light that has not been put out 2000 year later.
15 (16/12)	Advent 3	A story for everyone (Hi HO, Hi HO, to Bethlehem we go!')	Shepherds & Wise Men	Celebrate the incarnation together

Song suggestions are shown on the school overview document.

Matthew 5:3-12 (International Children's Bible)

"Those people who know they have great spiritual needs are happy. The kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

⁴ Those who are sad now are happy. God will comfort them.

⁵ Those who are humble are happy. The earth will belong to them.

⁶ Those who want to do right more than anything else are happy. God will fully satisfy them.

⁷ Those who give mercy to others are happy. Mercy will be given to them.

⁸ Those who are pure in their thinking are happy. They will be with God.

⁹ Those who work to bring peace are happy. God will call them his children.

¹⁰ Those who are treated badly for doing good are happy. The kingdom of heaven belongs to them.....¹² Rejoice and be glad. You have a great reward waiting for you in heaven.....