



Collective Worship, Spring Term 2025

Psalms: 'Songs from the heart'

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 term and a brand new year, we begin a new series of themes, reflecting on the life and writings of King David, who contributed much of the content of the book of Psalms in the Bible. We are using the title 'Songs from the heart', because this is exactly what the Psalms were: heartfelt expressions of joy, sadness, frustration, hope and longing, giving voice to experiences and emotions that pupils of all faiths and none can relate to. We know that not all children like to sing, so please do make sure they understand that the word 'song' can also be understood metaphorically as a way of expressing what's in our hearts – and that although we may use songs during this term, there is no compulsion to sing during your collective worship! We will also be linking to some beautiful readings / videos of the Psalms, for you to use if they are helpful. Because Easter Day is just before the start of the Summer term, we will be marking Resurrection Day on the first day of the summer term, so are deliberately leaving the term on a cliffhanger!

Week	Theme	Details / follow-up	Bible content	Reflection ideas	Song**
1 (6/1)	Three Kings' Day	Marking the end of Epiphany – with a song!	Matthew 2:1-12	Gift box: 'I offer today the gift of....'	Listen to In the bleak midwinter
2 (13/1)	Sing a song	Introduction: to David (King and shepherd boy), psalms and singing	Psalm 103:1-2	Gratitude Gifts: Thankyou for.....	Choose a favourite from your school collection or Thankful (NBD)
3 (20/1)	Psalm 23	The song of the shepherd boy	Psalm 23	Big thoughts.... What are you wondering about?	God is watching (BBC) or The Lord's My Shepherd (trad. BBC)
4 (27/1)	The big bully	David, Goliath and Psalm 28	Psalm 28: 1-2 & 6-7	Pebbles: bring your troubles...	Resilience in me (NBD) or Slingshot (NBD)
5 (3/2)	Look up!	Psalm 121 – a psalm of comfort	Psalm 121	People shapes: draw/write who helps you	God is watching (BBC)
6 (10/2)	A 'song' of kindness	David puts words into action: story of Mephibosheth	Psalm 103:8	High vis 'jackets': draw/write how your kind deeds might 'stand out' today	The Kindness Song or Let's be kind (NBD) or Shine (NBD)
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7 (24/2)	Heart's desire	What do you long for?	Psalm 27:4-5	Hearts: write / draw your 'heart's desire'	Shine (NBD) or God is watching (BBC)
8 (3/3)	Examine my heart	Start of Lent; David's big mistake	Psalm 51:1-2 & 10-11	'Sorry' whiteboards: write some things you're sorry for/about & rub it out	The Kindness Song or Let's be kind (NBD) or Be kind (POP UK)
9 (10/3)	You've counted my tears	A story of friendship & tears: David says that God treasures his tears & is close to the broken-hearted	Psalm 56:8 and Psalm 34:18	Tears in a bottle: plastic water bottle & glass nuggets / paper tears	Kum ba Yah (BBC) or Hold On (POP UK)
10 (17/3)	Hide and seek	David spoke about God as his 'hiding place' – a safe place in times of trouble	Psalm 32:7 & Psalm 91:2	Muddy walk hiding places: go on a walk and spot hidden things	God is watching (BBC)
11 (24/3)	Praise!!	David praises God for the natural world Reflection based on video from St Peter's Church	Various & Psalm 148	DIY Psalms: using writing frame (2 examples), which you could use in	One world (NBD) or sing the version of the psalm that you wrote!

		(lockdown)		another CW	Praise Him (BBC)
12 (31/3)	Waiting....	The words of the Psalms echo throughout the Easter narrative (Palm Sunday, Last Supper, Good Friday)	Psalm 118:26; Psalm 22:1;	Waiting..... Turn over the sand timer and use the time to wait... and think	An Easter song from your school collection
Summer 1 (22/4)	New life – and a new adventure	Easter story: Resurrection, and a new adventure	Psalm 110:1,4	New life butterflies: create a butterfly out of a magazine page, write on your hopes	A final Easter song

****Song references:** BBC – BBC resources, links to online version; NBD – Nick & Becky Drake songs; POPUK – free access to a huge songbank: [FREE song bank | for primary schools](#)

If you would like a few more / alternative reflective ideas for EYFS/KS1, then visit Flame Creative Kids pages for some ideas for Psalms: [Flame: Creative Children's Ministry: Search results for Psalms](#)

[Chain of love](#) or [When I needed a neighbour](#) (BBC)

Prayerscapes videos:

Psalm 23: [Psalm 23 Prayer Reading - "The Lord is my Shepherd"](#)

Psalm 23: [Psalm 23 - Life In The Valley](#)

Psalm 27: [Psalm 27 Prayer - The Lord is my Light and my Salvation!](#)

Psalm 46: [Psalm 46 - Be still and know that I am God](#)

Psalm 42: [Psalm 42 - "As The Deer Pants" Reading](#)

Psalm 121: [Psalm 121 Reading of "I Lift My Eyes To The Hills"](#)

Psalm 139: [Psalm 139 Reading - "Lord You Have Searched Me..." - YouTube](#)

As the deer pants: [As the deer I Cover I Family Altar](#)