



Collective worship overview



Focus - God's Story, Our Story - Autumn 2 (7 Weeks)

Whole-term focus: We are travelling through the Bible as one big story of God's love for His people. It is also *our story* because we are part of God's people today.

Ribbon timeline in each classroom and the hall. Each week add a symbol (globe, broken heart, star, coat, staff, crown, scroll, broken house, lion, brick, candle, angel, star, gift) to show where we are in God's story.

Week beginning	Theme	Acts of worship	Information/resources etc
Mon 3 rd November	Week 1 – Exile Theme: God's people are far from home, but God does not forget them. Ribbon Symbol: 🏠 Broken house	Mon - Intro and singing	Introduce the values – Peace and understanding Introduce the next chapter of God's Big Story — the people of Israel are taken away to Babylon. Everything feels lost, but God is still with them. <i>Message:</i> Even in sad or strange places, God is still with us. Hymns: Bind us together, Kum by yah, Be still for the presence of the Lord
		Tues -	Bible: Life in a strange land (Daniel 1:1–8). Alternative/additional story: A child who moves school and feels homesick; someone adapting to a new place while missing home. <i>Message:</i> God is with us wherever we go.
		Wed -	Story: By the rivers of Babylon (Psalm 137:1–6). <i>Message:</i> God listens when we are sad or homesick.
		Thurs - Church	Story: Jeremiah's Hope (Jeremiah 29:10–14). <i>Message:</i> God never forgets His promises.
		Fri - Celebration	"God stays with His people, even far from home."
Mon 10 th November	Week 2 – Daniel in Exile	Mon - Intro and singing	Introduce Daniel — one of God's people in Babylon. The king makes unfair rules, but Daniel keeps trusting God. <i>Message:</i> We can keep praying and trusting God even when it's hard. Hymns: Our God is a great big God, Here I am Lord, Abba Father

	<p>Theme: God helps His people stay faithful and brave.</p> <p>Ribbon</p> <p>Symbol:  Lion</p>	Tues - Church	Remembrance service 9.00 a.m. in church
		Wed -	Bible: Daniel prays (Daniel 6:1–10) and Thrown to the lions - child-friendly version! (Daniel 6:11–17). Alternative/additional story: Rosa Parks refusing to give up her bus seat; standing up for what's right even when it's difficult or unpopular. <i>Message:</i> Talking to God and doing what's right keeps us strong/Doing the right thing sometimes takes courage.
		Thurs -	Story: Rescued! (Daniel 6:18–23). <i>Message:</i> God is stronger than our fears.
		Fri - Celebration	"God helps us stand firm."
Mon 17 th November	<p>Week 3 – Return and Rebuilding</p> <p>Theme: God gives His people courage to start again.</p> <p>Ribbon</p> <p>Symbol:  Brick</p>	Mon - intro and singing	After many years away, God's people are allowed to return home. The city is broken, but Nehemiah believes God will help them rebuild. <i>Message:</i> God can help us rebuild what is broken. Hymns: Make me a channel of your peace, From the tiny ant, All things bright and beautiful
		Tues -	Bible: Nehemiah inspects the city (Nehemiah 2:11–18). Alternative/additional story: A community rebuilding after a flood or fire; people working together to restore something broken with hope and determination. <i>Message:</i> God helps us face hard things with courage and hope.
		Wed -	Story: Nehemiah's dream (Nehemiah 2:17–20). <i>Message:</i> God gives us courage to begin again.
		Thurs - Church	Story: Working together (Nehemiah 4:6–9). <i>Message:</i> When we work together, God's plans grow stronger.
		Fri	"God gives new beginnings."
Mon 24 th November	Theme: God's promises are about to come true – get	Mon - Intro and singing	Start Advent. God's people have waited a long time for rescue. Now a new messenger appears — John the Baptist — telling everyone to get ready for God's King.

	ready! Ribbon Symbol:  Candle (for preparation and waiting)		<i>Message:</i> God's rescuer is nearly here! Hymns: Light a candle (Advent hymn), Make way make way,
		Tues -	Bible: John calls people to change (Luke 3:1–3). Alternative/additional story: Preparing for a special guest — tidying up, rehearsing for a performance, or getting ready to welcome someone important. <i>Message:</i> Getting ready matters when someone important is coming.
		Wed -	Story: A voice in the wilderness (Luke 3:4–6). <i>Message:</i> We can help others get ready for God too.
		Thurs - Church	RE Enrichment Day - The beginning of Advent Story: Turning back to God – people are baptised to show a new start. <i>Message:</i> God always welcomes us back. (We wait with hope for God's light)
		Fri	Occasional Day
Mon 1st December	Week 5 – Mary Says Yes (Luke 1:26–55) Theme: God chooses Mary to play her part in His big story. Ribbon Symbol:  Angel wing (Gabriel brings God's message)	Mon - Intro and singing	Introduce Mary — a young woman from Nazareth. An angel brings amazing news that she will have a baby who is God's Son, the King. <i>Message:</i> God can use ordinary people for extraordinary things. Hymns: Magnificat setting, Jesus' love is very wonderful
		Tues -	Bible: The angel's greeting (Luke 1:26–30). <i>Message:</i> Sometimes God's plans surprise us, but they are good.
		Wed -	Story: Mary says yes (Luke 1:31–38). <i>Message:</i> Saying yes to God brings joy.
		Thurs - Church	Story: Mary visits Elizabeth (Luke 1:39–45). <i>Message:</i> When God is at work, joy spreads.
		Fri	Celebration Collective Worship "God's promises are coming true."
Mon 8th December	Week 6 – Jesus' Birth: God with Us Theme: God keeps His promise and	Mon - Intro and singing	Introduce Bethlehem and the story of Jesus' birth. Talk about how God's promise is being fulfilled. <i>Message:</i> God's story becomes real in Jesus. Hymns: Little donkey, Away in a manger, O little town of Bethlehem

	sends Jesus to be with us. Ribbon Symbol: ✨ Star (the star over Bethlehem)	Tues -	Bible: The journey to Bethlehem (Luke 2:1–5). Alternative/additional story: Travelling to see someone special, making a difficult journey to be with loved ones, or preparing for a long-awaited day. <i>Message:</i> God is with us wherever we go.
		Wed -	Story: The birth of Jesus (Luke 2:6–7). <i>Message:</i> God comes close to everyone in Jesus
		Thurs - Church	Story: Angels and shepherds (Luke 2:8–14). <i>Message:</i> God's good news brings joy to all people.
		Fri	"Jesus is the Light of the World."
Mon 15th December	Week 7 – Jesus: Light for the World (John 1:1–9; Matthew 2:1–12) Theme: Jesus brings God's light and love to everyone. Ribbon Symbol: 🎁 Gift (Jesus is God's gift to the world)	Mon - Intro and singing	Recap the whole ribbon journey from Creation to Christmas. Introduce this final step: Jesus has come — now people from near and far begin to recognise Him as God's promised Light. <i>Message:</i> God's story shines through us today. Hymns: Christmas medley, Once in Royal David's city, Hark the herald angels sing
		Tues -	Bible: Simeon and Anna (Luke 2:25–32) – two people waiting a lifetime finally see Jesus. Alternative/additional story: Someone who waited patiently and faithfully for something important (e.g. working toward a goal, waiting for family to return, a grandparent's joy at meeting a new grandchild). <i>Message:</i> God keeps His promises through time.
		Wed -	Story: The Wise Men follow the star (Matthew 2:1–12). Alternative/additional story: Someone who made a long journey to find something precious, or followed signs/clues to discover something wonderful. <i>Message:</i> Everyone is invited to follow Jesus' light.
		Thurs - Church	Carol Service 2.30 p.m. retelling and celebrating the whole Christmas story. <i>Message:</i> We share God's light and love with others.
		Fri Celebration	"God's promises all come true in Jesus."

