

Date w/c	Assembly	Hymn Suggestions
6 Jan Matt 2: 1-12	The Greatest Gift This assembly explores the Feast of Epiphany through the eyes of Mary, helping children to learn that Jesus is the greatest gift they can hope to have.	Traditional: As With Gladness Men of Old by William Chatterton Dix Contemporary: Everlasting Love by Stuart Townend
13 Jan Matt 3:13-17	We Are Family In this week's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, children will learn that they too can accept their place in God's family, and Mary can help them to know that they are loved.	Traditional: All Are Welcome by Marty Haugen Contemporary: Feels Good by Rend Collective
20 Jan John 1: 29-34	Knowing Me, Knowing Him Through a right royal drama and a case of mistaken identity, children will learn that knowing who people are changes us. During His Baptism, Jesus was revealed as God's son, the Lamb of God: knowing Him changes us.	Traditional: The Light of Christ by Donald Fishel Contemporary: More of You by Hillsong Young and Free
27 Jan Matt 4: 12-23	Follow the Leader This week's Gospel tells the story of the calling of the first disciples, who unquestioningly left their fishing nets to follow Jesus. Children will explore why we choose to follow instructions and learn practical ways in which they too can follow Jesus.	Traditional: Follow Me by Michael Cockett Contemporary: Follow You Anywhere by Passion
3 Feb Luke 2:22-40	It's the Little Things that Count This week's Gospel about the Presentation of the Lord showcases great faithfulness from Simeon, Anna, Mary and Joseph too. Through a drama about a little boy desperate for a puppy, children will learn that they can practice faithfulness in the little things every day.	Traditional: Father I Place Into Your Hands by J.Hewer Contemporary: Through It All by Hillsong Worship
10 Feb Matt 5: 13-16	Shine His Light This assembly builds children's confidence to shine for Jesus by using their gifts to do good in the world, like Olympic runner Eric Liddell, who said, "When I run, I feel God's pleasure."	Traditional: Bring Forth The Kingdom by Marty Haugen Contemporary: Shine by Matt Redman
24 Feb Matt 5: 38-48	Above and Beyond Through the story of St Teresa of Calcutta and her very generous way of living, this assembly inspires children to find simple ways in which they too can go above and beyond.	Traditional: A New Commandment arranged by Stephen Dean Contemporary: I Will Offer Up My Life by Matt Redman

Lent 2020 – A Season of Reflection and Preparation

Through physical and spiritual healing, and defiance in the face of evil, each of the Lent Gospel stories helps us to reflect on and prepare for the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. Easter is the cornerstone of our faith. In our oft-troubled world it is important to hold on to hope, and this Lent, these resources will enable children to journey towards Easter.

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2 March Matt 4: 1-11	It is Written In the first of our Lenten assemblies, children will watch an animation about Jack's naughty antics, and learn that trusting in God and His word helps us to resist temptation.	Traditional: Led By The Spirit by Bob Hurd (traditional melody) Contemporary: All About You by Israel Houghton
9 March Matt 17: 1-9	On the Mountain This assembly helps children to understand the Transfiguration and its effect on us, as we are invited to surrender to Jesus who can shine through us.	Traditional: Crown Him With Many Crowns by G.J. Elvey Contemporary: Son of God by Starfield
16 March John 4: 5-42	Living Water The third in our Lent series, this assembly helps children think about how our souls get thirsty when we struggle to be joyful, patient and loving. They will learn that at times like this, we need the 'Living Water' of the Holy Spirit to satisfy this thirst.	Traditional: Here is Love by Robin Mark Contemporary: The Well by Casting Crowns
23 March John 9: 1-4	Eyes to See This assembly shows an animated Gospel story where Jesus miraculously gives someone sight, but the religious leaders refuse to see Jesus as good. Children will learn that when we believe in Jesus, we have eyes to see Him as He really is: the Son of God.	Traditional: Firmly I Believe by John Henry Newman Contemporary: Do It Again by Elevation Worship
30 March John 11: 1-45	A Fresh Start The resurrection story of Lazarus helps children to understand that though we may sin, as Christians we can turn back to God and receive a second chance, a 'new life'. This final assembly before the holidays looks with hope: to Easter and a fresh start.	Traditional: Unless a Grain of Wheat Shall Fall by Bernadette Farrell Contemporary: Because He Lives by Matt Maher