

Year1 Autumn Term - Thanking God for nature - Harvest

HOW DO CHRISTIANS SHOW THEY ARE THANKFUL FOR THE NATURAL WORLD? (1:7, 1:8, 1:14)

AT1 (1:8) about a variety of ways of celebrating special occasions within faith communities, the meaning behind it and the importance for those participating.

AT2 (1:14) to recognise how people are thankful for earth's resources

L.O. to understand that Christians are thankful to God for everything they have. They celebrate with a special Harvest festival.

Intro:

Recap by showing the finished class book telling the story of creation.

Today we will be learning about Harvest and how Christians say thank you to God for all the things they have, especially food.

Discuss

Show ear of wheat/flour/bread (or pictures). Ask children how they are related.

Explain that we need to grow crops, which need to be harvested (picked/collected) and processed before we have food to eat.

Show: milk, apple, popcorn or other foods → where does it come from?

Show Powerpoint

- Harvest in the past and now

Explain that in the past people depended on a good harvest. Harvest celebrations were a way for people to say thank you to God after the crops were harvested from the field. Christians are thankful to God, who gives the rain and the sun for crops to grow.

- Show BBC Watch Christianity Harvest Festival clip

www.tes.com/teaching-resource/harvest-festival-6176420

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- At Harvest we say thank you to God by giving things to people who are in need. We share what we have with others. The Bible tells Christians to be generous and share from what they have.

- Examples of giving to other people:

- o homeless people/poor people (New Hope/foodbank)
- o Elderly
- o Charities that help people in poor countries (e.g. Christian aid)

Listen to 'The Harvest Samba' song from New Hope Website

www.newhope.org.uk/harvest

Activity:

Thanking God for nature worksheet

Think about what children can do to help others/share what they have

Think about what they have to be thankful for. Who would they like to say thank you to?

Plenary/Think about: What can children share/how can they help other people?

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