



Collective Worship – Being a Good Neighbour

Aim:

To help pupils to think about what makes a good neighbour, and to encourage them to think about how they could be good neighbours.

Preparation:

Find theme tune from “Neighbours” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kldFzPOTJxc>

Powerpoint slides with images for the verses

Assembly:

As pupils enter the room, play theme tune from Neighbours (old version) with the lyrics:

*Neighbours, Everybody needs good neighbours
With a little understanding
You can find the perfect blend
Neighbours...should be there for one another
That's when good neighbours become good friends
Ooh Neighbours, should be there for one another
That's when good neighbours become good friends*

1. Who are our neighbours? They can be the people who live very close to where we live.
2. Leader tells a short anecdote about a good experience with a neighbour (either actual or imagined).
Eg sharing food/looking after something for them/taking in a parcel. And then a time when it would have been good to have a neighbour to help out eg being locked out of the house when it is raining!
3. Who is my neighbour? – Can be the people in need, or can just be the ones nearby. People from different religious traditions have advice about how to treat neighbours. I wonder if you can work out what they mean. *In the case of each slide ask the pupils what they think it means.*

I wonder if you can work out which religious tradition each one comes from. *In each case ask pupils to vote as to whether the advice is from the Jewish, Christian, Islamic, Hindu or Buddhist faith. NB there are 6 here: two from Judaism*

4. Slides:

Slide 1- “If anyone loudly blesses their neighbour early in the morning, it will be taken as a curse”. (Jewish)

Why might neighbours not like that?

Slide 2 - “Whenever you prepare soup, put plenty of water in it and give some of it to your neighbours” (Islamic)

Why might neighbours like this? Who has ever shared food with their neighbour? (*Hands up*)

Slide 3 - “Do nothing to others that you would not have them do to you.” (Hindu)

What might our neighbours not like us to do?



Fill our streets with **friendliness**

Slide 4 - "If you have agreed to give something to your neighbour, do not say to your neighbour, "Come back tomorrow and I'll give it to you" — when you already have it with you." (Jewish)

Why might this be good advice?

Slide 5 - "Something that is not pleasing or delightful to me, how could I inflict that upon another?" (Buddhist)

Slide 6 - "Love your neighbour as yourself" (Christian)

I wonder if you love your neighbour (*rhetorical question*)

5. I wonder if you notice anything about all these different sayings from religious traditions. (*They are all very similar; in each tradition the neighbour is regarded as being worthy of kind treatment*)

6. Is there any one piece of advice that you liked especially? (*Take answers*)

7. How do we want to be treated? How would we like our neighbours to treat us? (*Talk partners for a minute*)

8. Take some suggestions – *either on a flip chart or whiteboard or just stated.*

9. What might we want to do to be good neighbours?

- not be noisy at night?
- keep the front of our house tidy?
- be friendly, smile and greet?
- be helpful, especially to elderly people?
- be polite

You might have seen banners for the As One campaign, saying 'fill your street with friendliness'. That means being a good neighbour! Let's try and do it and make our street really friendly!

Prayer or Reflection:

Prayer

Lord God, we thank you for our neighbours. Help us to remember to be good neighbours to them, just as we would like them to be good neighbours to us. Amen

Reflection

How can I be a good neighbour to others?

Suggested song : When I needed a neighbour

