

Responding to Collective Worship at Home

The Theme for Collective Worship this half term is:

Hope and Epiphany

Reflecting on the symbol of a Candle & Barbed Wire.

This half term we will be thinking about Epiphany – the end of the Christmas story (but the start of the story of Jesus). We will be thinking about the gifts that the wise men brought to the baby Jesus and what they meant. We will also be looking at Hope, Christians see their hope in God’s promise, ‘that love and goodness have, and will ultimately, overcome evil’. This hope is manifested in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Key Verse – Christ in you, the hope of glory.
 Colossians 1:27

To do at home...

Why not buy some form of incense (it might be possible to buy frankincense) and find out what it smells like. Why do you think this was used during the times of Jesus’ birth?



Where can I find the story of the wise men’s visit?

Matthew 2: 1-12

Where can I find a story of hope?

Luke 24: 1-53

To think about:

What do you think the journey was like for the wise men?

Where did they travel from?

How long had they waited for this event to happen?

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What are your sources of hope, strength, comfort and peace?

What do you hold on to during difficult times?

What are the signs that our school is a ‘hopeful’ place?

What are your hopes and dreams?

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What does the candle surrounded by barbed wire represent to you?

Do the symbols remind you of any past events of current events?

What do they say about those events?