

<b>Classroom Collective Worship</b>	<b>Theme: Ourselves</b>
<b>Year: Year 3</b>	<b>Time of Year: Anytime</b>
<b>Main Focus:</b> Gather <input type="checkbox"/> Word <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Symbolic Action <input type="checkbox"/> Mission <input type="checkbox"/>	

Essential Resources:

Music 'Lady Smith Black Mambazo' (Best of) or any other music which is peaceful and in a language other than English. Philippians: 4: 4-7.

Gather

Have the children sit quietly at their places. Play music softly. As music plays, invite them on to carpet. Once they are all on carpet, fade out music.

Word

Children to reflect on how the music made them feel. Teacher may prompt (e.g., calm, peaceful, relaxed). Children may offer suggestions too.

Leader/Teacher: We were able to enjoy the music. Our feelings were affected by it. Some felt happy, calm and peaceful even though we couldn't totally understand it. We didn't understand the language but it still gave us a good feeling.

Sometimes we find it hard to believe in God. Things go wrong in our lives. (People argue, people we care about die and sometimes we are sad and lonely). We wonder what God is doing. We don't understand and we get confused.

Let's listen now to God's word: Philippians 4: 4-7 (See paraphrase - from a plain English version) by teacher or child.

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say rejoice. Let people know that you believe in God. The Lord is always close by. Do not worry about anything but pray about everything. Say thank you always to God, when you pray. The peace of God which is often too much for us to understand will keep your heart and mind on Jesus."

Prayers

Teacher Thank you God for your Word which teaches us about you.  
Response Thanks be to God.  
Child 1 Thank you God for taking care of us through good times and bad times.  
Response Thanks be to God.  
Child 2 Help us God to remember to say thank you when things are going well.  
Response Thanks be to God.  
Child 3 Help us to have faith when we don't understand what is happening.  
Response Thanks be to God.  
Teacher We have thanked God for His wonderful gift of faith.

Play (African) music and children quietly go back to their places.

Mission

Talk to God about the things that have happened today before you go to bed.  
Thank God for being with you.