

Classroom Collective Worship	Theme: Ourselves
Year: Year 1	Time of Year: New School Year
Main Focus: Gather <input type="checkbox"/> Word <input type="checkbox"/> Symbolic Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mission <input type="checkbox"/>	

Essential Resources:

Helen Caswell: *God makes us different* (Butterworth Press)

A previously prepared self-portrait of each child.

'If I were a butterfly' {*Hymns Old and New*, number 233)

Gather

Each painting will be laid out in each child's place.

Children pick up their painting and form a circle facing inwards.

When circle is formed, children hold up their pictures and say, "Hello God, this is me."

All sit down and place painting in front of them.

Word

Leader says, "God has made each one of us special in our own way. I am going to read you a short story and I want you to listen carefully because the story is about you."

Leader reads *God makes us different* or similar short story that identifies differences between us all. Pause after each description.

Symbolic Action

Say the differences again.

I want you to stand up when you think I am talking about you, e.g. tall, short, long hair, short hair, blue eyes, boy, girl. (More than one child will stand up at any one time.)

When all children are standing, each child points to him/herself and all children shout "I AM SPECIAL."

Go forth/Mission/Challenge

Sing from 'If I were a butterfly' {*Hymns Old and New*, number 233) beginning with "You gave me your heart."

Mission: To think about something that makes you special and to share it.