

## **Collective Worship – RESPECT 4 (Respect and Reverence for God)**

Welcome – As we light the candle we think about God the Father maker of our World, God the Son who came to save us and God the Holy Spirit who lives in us always. We think about our value, respect.

Do you have any places which are special to you? Is there anywhere you like to go where you have to wear special clothes, a uniform or badge? Is there something you do or a club you belong to where you have to make special promises like Cubs or Brownies?

Today we are thinking about respect for God and special places.

Learning: A long time ago, God decided to choose a special people. He spoke to someone called Abraham and told him he would be the Father of the special people. Eventually this special people ended up in Egypt but the king of Egypt, the Pharaoh, made them slaves. God did not forget his special people and rescued them, gave them a leader, Moses, and took them on a journey to a new home.

God wanted to talk to His special people, He wanted them to respect Him, so He told them to make a place where they could worship Him, called the Tabernacle. It contained God's rules, the Ten Commandments, in a golden box which was a symbol of God's promise to His people, called the Ark of the Covenant. But God is so awesome that not just anyone could go into this place, only a few chosen people who learned the right things to do and say could go in, and then, only at certain times. This Tabernacle was so special and God was so awesome that, if the wrong person went in on the wrong day, they might even die. Well, to help with this, the special person, called a High Priest, had to put on special clothes with precious stones like emeralds, they had to wear a special hat; they even had to wear special pants. He had a rope tied to one leg and a bell tied to the other, if the bell stopped ringing, the people would pull on the rope to pull the High Priest out because he might not be alive. The High Priest would go into this special place through a heavy curtain which separated it from the people, and there he would talk to God.

When God's special people got to their new home, they built a new building called the Temple, which would be the new home for the Ark, the Ten Commandments, the curtain and the High Priest. And still the curtain separated the people from talking to God, it was still the High priests job, because God is so awesome.

When Jesus came to earth, He told His followers that He would be with them for a while, He would then die, be raised back to life and go back to His Father, God, in heaven. He told them not to worry because He would send someone in His place to be with His followers, and that is the Holy Spirit. But what about the curtain and respecting God?

At the moment Jesus died, that curtain which kept the people from God was torn in two from the top to the bottom. Now, it was not just the special High Priest who would be able to talk to God, but everyone can. That is totally amazing. The Holy Spirit helps us still to respect God, but now the special place is in us, we can talk to God whenever we want to, but we still need to respect Him because he is God, He created the world, everything in it, as well as you and me.

Reflection:

How do you think you should talk to God?

What would you like to ask God?

If God is so awesome and amazing, how should we say His name?

Should we really use it as a swear word? How would you feel if someone used your name in a bad way?

Jesus told His followers that they can talk to God and even told them how

Let's talk to God now, remembering how awesome and amazing He is, in the words Jesus taught:

So we Pray:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,

On earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory,

For ever and ever.

Amen.

Things to do –

- Write a prayer to God thinking about how awesome He is
- Think about the Lord's Prayer and what each line means

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