

Collective Worship

Week Commencing: Monday 13th April

What is Collective Worship? Core Value: Respect

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Courage in every step, Faith in every journey.



Opening Reflection

Let us pause, breathe, and take a moment to reflect.

Dear God,

As we gather together today, help us to treat one another with respect. Teach us to listen, to be kind, and to accept each other's differences. Guide us to use our words and actions in ways that build others up, not put them down.

May our time together be filled with understanding and peace.

Help us grow into people who show respect in all we do.

Amen.

This Week's Theme: What is Collective Worship?

**You might have some
questions like below**

- **What it is**
- **Why we do it**
- **How it helps us grow**



Tutor Discussion

Before we dig a bit deeper, what do you think collective worship is?





Why Do We Have Collective Worship?

- To build a sense of community
- To reflect on our actions and choices
- To explore important values and beliefs
- To give time for calm in a busy day
- To connect with Christian traditions

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Digging Deeper

Collective Worship Key Words & Meanings

- **Respect** – treating others kindly and fairly
- **Reflection** – thinking deeply about ourselves and our actions
- **Community** – a group that supports and cares for each other
- **Worship** – showing respect or appreciation (to God or shared values)
- **Spirituality** – thinking about meaning, purpose, and beliefs

What Happens in Collective Worship?

- We focus on a theme, value or message
- Stories are shared from the Bible or people's lives
- There are quiet times for reflection or prayer
- Music or readings
- There can be student-led activities

Real Life Stories

Jesus and the Storm



Collective Worship: Reflection

- In collective worship, **reflection** means taking a quiet moment to think deeply.

It's a time to pause and consider:

- Your thoughts, feelings, and actions
- How a message or theme (like respect or courage) relates to your life
- How you might grow or improve as a person
- In many schools, it has a Christian foundation, but it is often presented in a way that is inclusive and meaningful for everyone, regardless of personal beliefs.
- Reflection doesn't always mean praying, it can simply be sitting in silence, thinking, or listening carefully.

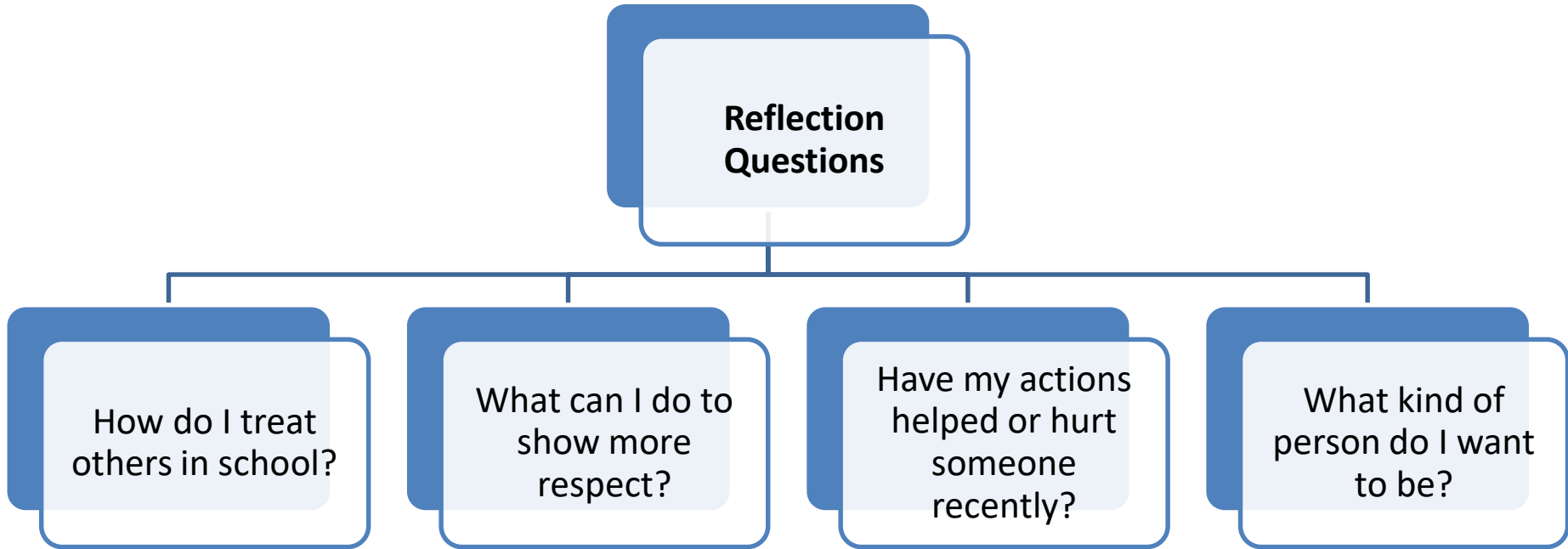
In short, reflection is about **looking inward, making sense of what you've heard, and thinking about how it can guide your choices.**



Benefits of Collective Worship to our School Community

- Brings us all together
- Encourages respect and understanding
- Supports positive behaviour
- Creates a calmer school environment
- Helps us all feel included and valued

Take Some Time to Consider the Below Reflection Questions



Without reflection, we go blindly on our way, creating more unintended consequences, and failing to achieve anything useful.

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What This Means for Us at Open Academy

Collective Worship



1) Helps us understand ourselves better



2) Encourages better choices



3) Builds confidence and empathy



4) Gives us time to pause and think



Empathy

the ability to understand and share the feelings of another.

“Small moments of reflection can lead to big changes in how we live.”

Scripture Sound bite: Respect

1 Peter 2:17(New Testament-The Second Part of the Bible)

¹⁷ Show proper respect to everyone



Respect is showing people regard for their abilities and worth, valuing their feelings and their views, even if you don't necessarily agree with them. Respect is accepting people on an equal basis and giving them the same consideration you would expect for yourself. Respect begins with oneself.

What does “show proper respect to everyone” look like in everyday school life? Think about moments when things get difficult — how can you keep going in your learning, friendships, or personal goals?

Is the following a challenge to us? **“Respect is accepting people on an equal basis and giving them the same consideration you would expect for yourself”**

If so, how can we change the way we treat others?



Closing Prayer

***Help us to show
respect in our words
and actions, to be
kind to one another,
and to reflect Your
love each day.***

Amen.

