



ExploRE LESSON PLAN - WATFORD SCHOOLS TRUST

LESSON TITLE	LEARNING STAGE	WST TEACHER/DATE
Intro ExploRE	LKS2 UKS2	Mrs Tricia Bastable /Mrs Johanna Jordan/Mrs Fiona Penny
AIM: LEARNING OBJECTIVE: <i>To introduce the ExploRE event.</i>	MAIN AREA/S OF LEARNING (Herts R.E. Agreed Syllabus 2017-22) Beliefs and practices Prayer, worship and reflection Symbols and actions Ultimate questions Other AOL covered: Human responsibility and values Identity and belonging Justice and fairness Sources of wisdom	LESSON RESOURCES WST will bring: a few ExploRE activities to demonstrate (ducks, rods, feathers) pipe cleaners A5 pastel paper School to provide: Access to laptop/internet to show the PPT

Introduction

Slide 1 -Introduction, opening slide. Who are Watford Schools Trust? Next week we'll be holding a special event in Croxley Green Baptist Church which you will be coming to visit. It's called **ExploRE** (show logo).

Ask, 'What do you notice?' Yes, it's got R.E. in the title. R.E is one of the lessons we have in school, which is where we learn about what different people believe about God. **Give out pipe cleaners. Make a ? PC QUESTION MARK**

But the RE can also stand for REflection, which is where we think deeply about something. This is something we also do on 'Remembrance/Poppy day'. (ask children to stand up quietly for a moment). On Poppy day, people take a moment to remember those who gave their lives in the war. Just like Christians reflect on Jesus giving his life on the cross for his friends. **PC CROSS**

At our **ExploRE** event next week you will have an opportunity to explore and think deeply about some big R.E. ideas. **(Show actions)** Ideas about ourselves, our world and the people in it and God. This session is a brief explanation of what to expect. It is important to say at this point that all the activities are designed to help everyone think about those things whether they have a faith background or not.

Main content

There will be lots of things for you to think about; each activity has an instruction card that looks like this. **(Show Inst. card)** If you follow the instructions, there will be something for you to think about and do; that might be drawing or writing something, printing your finger on a mirror, hooking a duck, all sorts of things but they are all designed to help you stop and think and REspond to the activities.

Our event will be held in Croxley Green Baptist Church and will be divided into 3 sections:- **(Show actions)** Ideas about ourselves, ideas about our world and ideas about God. Show pictures and demonstrate some of the 'me' activities. Eg. Food Plate: On the count of 3 everyone shouts out favourite food.(Feathers, Thankful ducks).**PC PERSON** Show pictures and demonstrate some of the 'world' activities **PC WORLD/ FISH**. Show pictures and demonstrate some of the 'God' activities. **PC ARROW**. People of faith often reflect on their own lives, their place in their

communities and the world. Christians believe that God loves everyone and that we are all special to him. **PC HEART** And we want to give you the opportunity to reflect/think about these big R.E. ideas.

Activity: '1000 reasons'

Children will be given an A6 piece of paper and ask them to draw or write something/someone they feel grateful for. We'd like to collect them by the end of the morning and will display all the different things we have to be thankful for.

Plenary

Christians believe that God loves everyone and will listen to every prayer that's ever said. But whether you would describe yourself as a person of faith or not, in our **ExploRE** event there are lots of activities that are designed to help you to think about yourselves, our community, our world and God. We hope that you'll enjoy thinking about these things in a new way.

Deeper Questions - Possible follow up/class discussion suggestions

What can we learn from other people's beliefs?

Does it matter if some people don't believe in the existence of God?

How can you tell what someone believes?

One of the activities in the **ExploRE** event is "Big Questions" where you can write on a large sheet of paper anything you'd like to ask God. What, if anything, would you like to ask God?

Class teacher's notes