**2022 Collective Worship - Vocations**

AIM: TO THINK ABOUT VOCATIONS / OUR EVERYDAY GIFTS

*Song suggestions:*

* *Building Brick:*
	+ [*https://youtu.be/-U3S8TrO5Ic*](https://youtu.be/-U3S8TrO5Ic) *for lyric video;*
	+ [*https://youtu.be/4mhs2wYXV-E*](https://youtu.be/4mhs2wYXV-E) *for actions video;*
	+ [*https://stjamesinthecity.org.uk/Publisher/File.aspx?id=192719*](https://stjamesinthecity.org.uk/Publisher/File.aspx?id=192719) *for chords and lyrics.*
* *Big Family of God:*
	+ [*https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEvJzOxm6zs*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEvJzOxm6zs) *for lyric video;*
	+ [*https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\_F5pr6gEkBU*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_F5pr6gEkBU) *for actions video.*

*Open with a prayer and a call to worship that you might usually use OR*

* [Call and response] God is good / all the time; all the time / God is good.
* [Chant while clicking fingers] God is good, God is powerful, God is with us now.

*Opening question: get them to talk in pairs and then take a few answers*

* What are two skills you have? Can you name two things you are really good at?
* [You could even prep a teacher or two who can do something fun and interesting right there e.g. juggling, simple magic, singing, dancing].
* [Now is also a chance for you to demonstrate something impressive if you want to!]

*Introducing the theme:*

* God calls all of us to be part of working together with him and others to make the world better. He calls us all to serve him and by serving him, serve the world.
* Sometimes we think we can’t help – maybe because of our age, maybe we don’t think we have anything to offer, maybe we think our skin colour or sex or background means we can’t help out in God’s kingdom.
* An early follower of Jesus said this to people*: So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.* [Gal. 3:26-28].
	+ God says that if we believe in him we are his children and that it doesn’t matter about our background or sex or age – we are all one in Jesus so we can all help!
	+ You could get three pairs up to represent these with signs or props as labels.

*Story:*

* Let’s have a story to illustrate this. While we have it, think about this question: who is important in this story?
* John 6:1-13 – Feeding of the 5000.
	+ Plenty of books will have this story e.g. Lion Storyteller Bible, Rhyming Bible, Bible stories every child should know etc.
	+ You may want to tell the story yourself.
* Ask the question of the children: who is important?
	+ Obviously Jesus is!
	+ BUT if the child had not shared his lunch, what might have happened? Would everyone have gone hungry? Get the children to share thoughts.
* That young boy was able to feed many because he offered Jesus the little that he had.
* There’s a simple phrase that might help us remember the point:
	+ ‘God takes the little that we have and does amazing things with it’.
	+ Get the children to repeat it together a few times, perhaps with simple actions.

*Reflection:* What is the little that you have and how could God use it? Take some time in silence to think and ask God to use what you have.

At the end of the reflection time, encourage the children to turn to the person next to them and remind each other that ‘God takes the little that we have and does amazing things with it’.
 *Finish with prayer or as you normally would.*