



R H Y T H M

OF LIFE

for primary schools

**In this season of Easter,
we choose to have
thankful hearts in Jesus'
name. Amen**

What have you remembered from collective worship this week?

What stories do you recall?

What ideas have stayed with you?

We are going to reflect on an image together.

We will be quiet whilst we look at it. Then we can share what we are thinking about.





Christians are **thankful** for Jesus dying on the cross and rising to new life.
This is celebrated at Easter.

Who are you **thankful** for?

How do you show you are **thankful**?
Share your ideas with others around you.

thankful

In 1944, during World War 2, Corrie and her sister Betsy were held prisoner in a camp.

They chose to be **thankful** to God for everything.

When Corrie and Betsie arrived at the camp, they discovered that the beds were teeming with fleas. In the midst of the cruel treatment and now fleas, Betsie urged that they thank God for everything. Even the fleas? Yes, Betsie urged, even the fleas.

So Corrie reluctantly did, but she could not see how fleas were anything to be **thankful** for. They later discovered that the fleas kept the guards from coming inside their rooms, and this gave them freedom to hold prayer meetings!

Let's think

How could I show **gratitude** that will enable myself and others to grow and flourish?

Where could I be more purposeful in choosing to be **thankful** for ordinary everyday things?

Let's pray

Lord Jesus

We pray that our school will be a place where everyone can grow and flourish. Please help us to be people of hope as we follow you. Teach us to be thankful as we wait for your Kingdom to come. **Amen**

Let's read

As you read the Psalm on the next slide, think about why the person wrote these words.

Could you write a thanksgiving song or poem?

Psalm 100: A Hymn of Praise (from the Good News Version)

Sing to the Lord, all the world!

Worship the Lord with joy;

come before him with happy songs!

Acknowledge that the Lord is God.

He made us, and we belong to him;

we are his people, we are his flock.

Enter the Temple gates with thanksgiving;

go into its courts with praise.

Give thanks to him and praise him.

The Lord is good;

his love is eternal

and his faithfulness lasts forever.





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