

Aims:

Children see religious symbolism in common across faiths

Children understand a little about Christianity

PSHE on self-esteem & behaviour

Children enjoy church

1. Significance of light in faith

- Children enter church in darkness, except a few candles
- Discussion - reactions to darkness/why candles stand out
- Light = safety; guidance; warmth; happiness
- Lots religions use light to symbolise God/goodness

2. Light in Christianity

Introduce the Bible

Read Genesis 1 - first thing God does

John 8 v 12 - Jesus as our guide

Matthew 5 v 16 - us reflecting God

Test using pictures - what does each show?

3. God reflected in us

Make shining faces in paper plates

Need: paper plates with centres removed & a hole punched

3.5m cellophane

Pritt-sticks

OHP pens

Elastic bands to hang

Sing: This Little Light of Mine