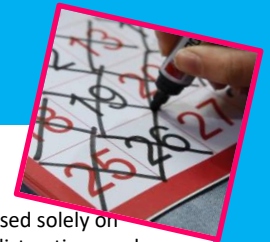




Big Start Assemblies Ideas for CofE schools

Welcome! Now you have access to the whole BSA digital library, we wanted to share some fantastic assembly ideas based around Lent, Easter and two key values: Justice and Diversity. Each assembly can be found on your account by either copying the title of each assembly or the BSA code into the search field on the 'Resource' page.

With the move back to online learning, we are allowing schools to share these resources with their pupils and guardians. Please remember that they must be shared privately within your school network, such as through an online learning platform like Moodle, Seesaw or a private Google Drive.



Lent

Lent: Jesus in the Wilderness

This story sits as the watershed between Jesus's life as a small town carpenter and his 'ministry' when he focused solely on communicating the Kingdom of God. Withdrawing to the desert for 40 days, Jesus turned away from worldly distractions and spent an intense time in the presence of his Heavenly Father. It was during this time of physical weakness, but spiritual strength, that the Devil made 3 attempts to distract Him away from His purpose. This story is excellent for teaching on the **value of perseverance** and showing that even though Jesus never did anything wrong, He too had to work hard and keep focused on God and what He had asked Him to do.

Song: Lord's Prayer

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11. BSA Code: BSA0190

Easter



The First Easter: A Grand Entrance 1 of 4

This assembly is the first of a series of four which take us through the stories of Easter week. We join the crowd in Jerusalem in a moment of great celebration and excitement. At last, could this be the promised saviour who they have waited so long for? This story helps explore on aspect of the **value of hope** – waiting for God's promises to be fulfilled.

Song: Together We Can Change the World
BSA02001

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40 BSA Code:

The First Easter: A Sad Night 2 of 4

This assembly is the second of a series of four which take us through the stories of Easter week. One of Jesus's disciples, Judas, had become disappointed. He wanted Jesus to be a military hero, to drive the Romans away and set the Jewish people free from oppression. But Jesus was speaking of love and peace. This story helps us understand what happens when the **value of hope** is abandoned and despair sets in.

Song: Lord's Prayer

Scripture: Luke 22:1-53 BSA Code: BSA02002

The First Easter: The Cross 3 of 4

This assembly is the third of a series of four which take us through the stories of Easter week. Jesus has been arrested and is crucified for speaking out about the Kingdom of God. His followers know that this is part of God's plan but in this terrible situation, their **hope** must have been draining away.

Song: Send Us On

Scripture: Matthew 27:32-66 BSA Code: BSA02003

The First Easter: The Empty Tomb 4 of 4

This assembly is the last of a series of four which take us through the stories of Easter week. Jesus has died and been sealed into the tomb. The disciples are confused and mourning, but in the midst of this hopelessness, **hope** is restored in the most surprising of ways!

Songs: Brand New Day Roll the Stone Away

Scripture: John 20:1-23 BSA Code:

Assemblies that explore the value of Justice



Do Justice

In our series *Do Justice* we are exploring the concept of **justice** – thinking about things that are fair and things that are unfair. We're also thinking about what part we can play in making the world around us a better – and fairer – place for everyone. Sometimes some of the world's problems can seem quite big and overwhelming. But today we're discovering that everyone can play a part – whether big or small – and everyone can help make a difference. It can even be fun!

Songs: [Give Give Give](#) [Stand Up](#)
BSA03003

Scripture: Micah 6:8

BSA Code:

Do Justice: A Fair Society

In our series *Do Justice* we are exploring the concept of justice – thinking about things that are fair and things that are unfair. We are also thinking about what part we can play in making the world around us a better – and fairer – place for everyone. Today's assembly is all about **compassion**. In the story we see a girl who sees someone who is having a hard time in life; her heart is moved, and she makes a choice to do something to help make their life better.

Songs Used in This Assembly: [Give Give Give](#)

Scripture: Zechariah 7:9-10

BSA Code: **BSA0300**

Assemblies that explore the value of Inclusion

British Values: Different But One

Today, we are exploring the core **value of respect**. We will be looking at how we are different, but one! What does diversity mean? In the Bible, Paul talks about how the Church is really diverse and how each person is different but important. He uses the picture of a body with many different parts to explain how important diversity is. (1 Corinthians 12:12-27). This picture is helpful and applies to other places like school, our families and our country. We should treat people who are different from ourselves with respect and recognise the good things we can teach each other or help each other with. The aim is to encourage the children to think about what we have in common, what we share despite our differences, and recognise that we can all learn from those who are different we all matter equally. We live in a place that celebrates difference. We all matter. We value each other – that is respect!

Song: [Ready To Go](#)

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:24-26

BSA Code: **BSA00301**

British Values: Mutual Respect

In this assembly we will be looking at mutual respect as part of the "British Values" series. Today we will be looking at how we treat each other based on the "golden rule": *"Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets."* (Matthew 7:12). We live in a society that gives us freedom to express our own opinions and beliefs. With freedom to do things we want, we have a responsibility – we should use our freedom to do good things and look after others. The **value of respect** is very important for any community. We need to respect each other and treat others as we would want to be treated to have a good home, school or wider community.

Song: [Ready To Go](#)

Scripture: Matthew 7:12

BSA Code: **BSA00304**

Anti-bullying – No longer the bully

This assembly focuses on bullying using the story of Saul's conversion. In Acts chapter 7, Saul is watching Stephen being stoned to death; in chapter 8 we have him going from house to house arresting people and putting them in jail if he suspected them of being followers of Jesus. This is more extreme than even the worse playground bullying. Then, Jesus stops him in his tracks with a blinding light and a voice from heaven. Saul is blinded for three days until God sends Ananias, a follower of Jesus, who lays hands on Saul so that he can see again. This story is about the core **value of repentance**. Although the passage doesn't mention it, when someone gets baptised as Saul does, it is an outward sign of a desire to change and be made new. Repentance means to head in a new direction, and this is what Saul does. He goes from being a "bully" and persecutor to being a friend of the Christians. How can we repent of things that we do wrong and make a fresh start?

Songs: [It's A New Day](#) [Lord's Prayer](#)

Scripture: Acts 9:1-31

BSA Code: **BSA00701**