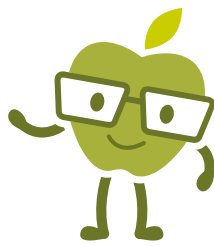


Collective worship



Bible link: Genesis 2:9
Christian Value: Forgiveness
Theme: Tree of knowledge



Pupil talk

- Do you have a favourite tree? What type of tree is it? Where can it be found?
- Has a tree or other part of nature ever been removed from your local area? How did it make you feel?
- Discuss some of the natural places that are special to you. Think about what makes them so special and how they make you feel.

Pupil involvement

Take a moment to think about trees. Ask some volunteers to share some of their experiences of trees. Perhaps one they have enjoyed playing near, sitting under, collecting conkers from, climbing or have watched in awe from a distance.

Discuss some of the different types of tree in your local area and the world. Think about the benefits trees can bring to us such as providing shade, food, habitats, oxygen, medicines.

Trees are a wonderful and beautiful part of nature. Some people have a favourite tree that is special to them. Discuss any trees or other parts of nature you enjoy or are special to you e.g., a lake, mountain, garden, wood, park, the seaside.

Think

The tree at the centre of the world-famous 'Sycamore Gap' on Hadrian's Wall, England, has reportedly been deliberately felled on the night of 28th September and was discovered by walkers the next morning. The National Trust said it was 'shocked and saddened' by the felling of the tree, which won English Tree of the Year in 2016.

In the Bible, the tree of knowledge was part of God's Creation. God told Adam and Eve not to eat the fruit from this tree, but they disobeyed and harmed the relationship between God and humans. God forgives people who are sorry when they make mistakes. We can learn from these and take responsibility for caring for and protecting all of God's Creation.

Invitation prayer

Dear God,
Thank you for the beauty and wonder of the world that we can enjoy,
We are sorry for times when we don't care for it as we should,
Help us to protect and care for all Creation,
Amen

Key stage 1 class discussion

- Take the time to really look at and enjoy some of the trees in your local area. Look at the shape of their branches and leaves, describe the different colours and shades you can see, spot any flowers or fruits they may have.
- Pick your favourite and share with others why you like it so much!

Key stage 2 class discussion

- Can you describe a time when you cast eyes on a view that took your breath away or had a powerful impact on you?
- How might you feel if this view was destroyed?
- Have you ever made a mistake and not cared for nature in the way you should have?

Worship song

Who put the colours in the rainbow?



God



Creation



Fall



People of God



Incarnation



Gospel



Salvation



Kingdom of God