

Collective Worship



Cheeky Pandas[®]

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Jubilee

What you will need

- A toy crown (or strip of gold card stapled to make a crown shape)
- The image of a child (at the bottom of this document) and a way of displaying it
- A Bible
- A way of showing the Cheeky Pandas video

How it works

The following are suggestions of what you might wish to include in this Collective Worship time. Please adapt and change it to ensure it is appropriate for your context. It incorporates a Cheeky Pandas video for you to use. There is the option of a reflection or prayer activity depending on your setting.



Welcome

Greet the group in the way you usually would in your setting, e.g. Good morning everyone!
Let's find out what we are thinking about today.

Today's theme is **Jubilee**. A jubilee is a special anniversary of an event. This year it is The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which means she has been Queen for 70 years. We celebrate special occasions with food, parties and gifts. I love party games, let's play one now.

We're going to play a game of Pass the Crown. Everyone needs to stay sitting. When I start the music we'll pass the crown up and down the line. When the music stops, the person with the crown needs to stand up and tell everyone an action to copy. You could use multiple crowns for a larger group of children.

Keep playing for a couple of minutes. Once everyone has settled again, ask:

- What is the best party you've ever been to and why?
- Share your answer with the person next to you.

If appropriate ask for answers from the group.

Today's Theme

As we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we can reflect on all that she has done over the past 70 years. In the Christian faith, the special book that explains about God's plans for the world is called the Bible. The Bible says that we are made by God to love Him and to do good works that He has planned for us to do, that's our purpose. The Queen has known her purpose. She has served the UK and the Commonwealth for over 70 years. She has shown faithfulness and loyalty to her country and to her people.

A question for you:

How do you think it would feel to know that you are going to be king or queen?

Think/Pair/Share: Take a moment to think about this and then share it with the person next to you.

[Take some ideas from the children in the way that you usually would do this in your setting.]

Christians believe that God gives us each a purpose, what we have been specially made to do and that our first purpose is loving God and trusting him. The Queen loves God and believes that he has helped her to be faithful in her duty all this time.

The Cheeky Pandas present...

[Show the Cheeky Pandas video clip: The Bouncy Castle. This video is available at www.thykingdomcome.global/cheekypandas and www.cheekypandas.com]

(The 3 follow up questions could be discussed in the assembly or in classrooms afterwards as a follow up collective worship)

Watch the animation

Synopsis: CJ is really enjoying jumping on the bouncy castle. When the other pandas are having their turn she really wants another go. So she orders herself a crown and makes herself Queen CJ, thinking this will mean she can tell the other pandas what to do. With the help of the pandas she learns that being a faithful friend is looking out for other people instead. We need God's help to be a faithful friend like he is faithful to us.

Questions about the clip:

- If you were queen or king, what rules would you make?
- Can you think of a time when you have been a faithful friend?
- What could you do to make a difference to other people?

Let's Reflect



Let's reflect on that for a moment. We might feel that we are too small or too young to make a difference but we can do little things that make a big difference every day. With your feet you can choose where to go – you could walk to a person who is lonely. With your hands you can create art and writing that helps someone who is sad. With your mouth you can ask if someone is ok and give them words of encouragement. With your brain you can think about how to make someone else's day a little better.

When you get back to your classrooms, you could draw a picture of yourself and write in the different things you could do to make a difference to someone else.

Let's Pray

In the Bible it says: "I say this because I know what I have planned for you," says the Lord. "I have good plans for you. I don't plan to hurt you. I plan to give you hope and a good future." Jeremiah 29:11 (ICB).

As we think about the Queen and all her years of service, we can thank God for the plans and purpose he gave her and her faithfulness to him. We can also ask God to show us the purpose for our lives too.

Let's pray about that now:

Dear God,

Thank you that you are always faithful to us. Thank you for the Queen who has been faithful to her people for over 70 years. Help us to trust in your plan for our lives so we can also be committed to you and other people. We pray Dear God for (insert local needs or world events)

Amen

Thank you for taking part in the collective worship.

(pretend to put on a crown)

May you know God's faithfulness in your life.





For more Cheeky Pandas fun, head to [RaiseUPfaith.com](https://www.RaiseUPfaith.com). You'll find lesson plans (including even more activities and games) for churches to use in children's ministry, as well as collective worship sessions, perfect for primary schools.