



## Collective Worship, Autumn Term 2023: Moses – ‘Are we nearly there yet?!’

We gather as a community for collective worship that is **inspiring, invitational and inclusive**, reflecting the fact that we are a part of a diverse school family and the wider church community. This term, we are reflecting on the story of Moses and journeying with him as he leads God’s people from Egypt and to the Promised Land. At the beginning of a new school year, it is always good to be back together as a community, and so we are using the story of Moses to help us to reflect on some important ideas from this story about being community together and about God, who looked after them. These stories can be found in the Bible, the Torah and the Qur’an, recognising Moses as a prophet and leader in all three of these Abrahamic traditions: these stories often generate some challenging questions about judgement and justice (especially from older pupils), so in these collective worship resources we choose to emphasise the positive messages and outcomes e.g. God seeing and responding to the cruel treatment of the people, and being *with* his people.

Week	Theme	Details / follow-up	Bible content	Reflection ideas	Song**
1 (4/9)	<b>Moses in the basket</b>	Link back to Joseph Saga - God looks after Moses too. New beginnings - hopes for the new school year. God’s plans for Moses are good.	<a href="#">Exodus 2:1-10</a>	A basket of hopes	<a href="#">Back in school</a> (AAOS)
2 (11/9)	<b>The burning bush</b>	Whose voice is this? Moses learns to hear God speak....and is given a new job to do & someone to help him	<a href="#">Exodus 3:1-20 &amp; 4:13-17</a>	In our class we will.... Make a class ‘burning bush’ with leaves showing what we are ‘responsible’ for	<a href="#">God is watching over you</a> (AAOS)
3 (18/9)	<b>The plagues</b>	A light-hearted look at a tricky story, to the tune of ‘Old Macdonald had a farm’! God notices when people are being treated unfairly.	<a href="#">Exodus 7-12</a>	You are precious and seen by God - link to <a href="#">Matthew 6:26</a>	<a href="#">Every step</a> (NBD)
4 (25/9)	<b>Passover: festival of freedom</b>	Passover food helps God’s people to remember - what does Harvest help us to remember?	<a href="#">Deuteronomy 16:1-8</a>	Make a ‘seder’ paper plate to help you to remember	Harvest songs (school choice)
5 (2/10)	<b>Crossing the Red Sea</b>	How did Moses cross the Red Sea? <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rHpZFt7eiB8&amp;t=1s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rHpZFt7eiB8&amp;t=1s</a>	<a href="#">Exodus 14:5-21</a>	God kept the people safe. Be grateful to / pray for the people who keep us safe on bright sticky notes / paper	<a href="#">Every step</a> (NBD)
6 (9/10)	<b>Manna and quail</b>	God will provide....link back to Harvest and Jewish festival of Sukkot	<a href="#">Exodus 16:1-31</a>	Write on orange / lemon shapes what you are grateful for	Thank you God for.... (make your own version)
7 (16/10)	<b>Ten Commandments</b>	The story of the Rules, using road signs! God gives Aaron a blessing to use	<a href="#">Exodus 19-20:17</a>	Road sign reflections	<a href="#">Golden Rule</a> & <a href="#">Actions: Golden Rule</a> (AAOS); <a href="#">UK Blessing Song</a>
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8 (30/10)	<b>Moses meets God: God first!</b>	How does collective worship help us to remember what's important in our school communities?	<a href="#">Exodus 32;</a> <a href="#">Exodus 33:7-23</a>	What's your most important ('Golden') rule? Write it on special gold paper	<a href="#">Golden Rule &amp; Actions;</a> <a href="#">Golden Rule</a> (AAOS); or <a href="#">Together as one</a> (POP UK)
9 (6/11)	<b>Remember that....</b>	Remembrance: Why is it important to remember? How did God's people remember....? [Remember them and say...]	<a href="#">Deut 15:15</a> & <a href="#">Leviticus 19: 33-34</a>	Poppy remembrance activity	<a href="#">God is watching over you</a> (AAOS)
10 (13/11)	<b>Are we nearly there yet?!!</b>	The 40-year walk ('Bear Hunt' style!)	Exodus 7-33	Create a map that reflects the journey of your life so far. Who has helped you on your journey? Say thank you!	<a href="#">Every step</a> (NBD) or <a href="#">God is watching over you</a> (AAOS)
11 (20/11)	<b>The Ark of the Covenant &amp; Tabernacle</b>	Bezalel the craftsman worships God Creating a space for worship.... [Advent calendar starts Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> ]	<a href="#">Exodus 40</a>	Spend time looking at a beautiful man-made object & reflect on the wonder of creativity	<a href="#">Great big family of God</a> (NBD) <a href="#">All together as a family</a> (AAOS)
12 (27/11)	<b>Reaching home</b>	The end of the journey....a mountain of memories (Joshua)	<a href="#">Joshua 3</a>	Use stones to mark our own 'mountains' of remembrance	<a href="#">Every step</a> (NBD)
13 (4/12)	<b>Advent</b>	Another baby....another surprising beginning	<a href="#">Birth of Jesus</a>	Online Advent Calendar	<a href="#">The angels knew</a> (NBD)
14 (11/12)	<b>The visitors</b>	Nativity stones story: shepherds and wise men	<a href="#">Shepherds &amp; wise men</a>	Online Advent Calendar	

**\*\*Song references:**

AAOS - All About Our School, BBC resources, links to online version; NBD - Nick & Becky Drake songs (we used these videos frequently during lockdown) ; POP UK are a new resource, free if you register

**Specific song links:**

Every Step [Every Step \(Official Lyric Video\)](#), with actions [Every Step - Nick & Becky Drake \(Acoustic Version\)](#); Big Family of God [Big Family Of God \(Official Lyric Video\)](#) actions [Official Actions: Big family of God](#); The Angels Knew [The Angels Knew \(NEW Lyric Video\) - Nick & Becky Drake // Worship For Everyone Christmas Carol - YouTube](#) (incidentally, the instrumental section shows many names used in the Bible for Jesus - good RE!)

[Together as one](#) (POP UK);

[Back in school](#) (AAOS); [All together as a family](#) (AAOS); [God is watching over you](#) (AAOS); [Golden Rule](#) (AAOS)