

Ideas for Collective Worship in Primary Schools

The Chronicles of Narnia The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe



Journey through the wardrobe into Narnia



The Story can be explored through several different

Themes: Sacrificial Love, Good v Evil,
Relationships, Truth, Forgiveness,
Jealousy, Temptation,
The Journey of Life,
Winter into Spring, Victory,
Battle and Celebration

Or through **Christian Ideas and Images** - It is important to remember that The Story of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' can be read on many levels by people of all ages and of all faiths or none. However the message of the Gospel, Christian teachings and values are inextricably woven throughout the story. C S Lewis hoped that through this story - Where Aslan, the True King, who has done no wrong but dies in the place of a traitor, giving us a picture of ultimate Love and His resurrection giving us a picture of infinite power over death itself - his readers would experience and feel the Christian story in a way he never had as a child.

It could also be looked at through the questions

Who was C S Lewis? and Why did he write the chronicles of Narnia?

Give the children a brief synopsis of the life of C S Lewis this can be found on www.narniafans.com

Discuss what it might be like to be an author - to be creative, to use your imagination, to write something that millions of people might one day read! Explore how C S Lewis' faith cannot be separate from his writings, ideas and imagination.

Themes, Quotes and Ideas	
<p>Evacuation</p> <p>Far from home in strange surroundings. An adventure or frightening experience. Factual information about evacuation.</p>	<p>"They were sent to the house of an old Professor who lived in the heart of the country, ten miles from the nearest railway station and two miles from the nearest post office." Chapter one</p>
<p>Journey through the Wardrobe into Narnia</p> <p>Adventures New Experiences Exploration Discovery</p> <p>Feelings/Empathy</p> <p>Imagination</p>	<p>"This must be a simply enormous wardrobe!" thought Lucy, going still further in and pushing the soft folds of the coats aside to make room for her."..... " A moment later she found that she was standing in the middle of a wood at night-time with snow under her feet and snowflakes falling through the air."</p> <p>"I don't think it will be any good trying to go back through the wardrobe door to get the coats. You won't get into Narnia again by <i>that</i> route." "Yes, of course you'll get back to Narnia again some day. Once a King in Narnia, always a King in Narnia. But don't go trying to use the same route twice. Indeed, don't <i>try</i> to get there at all. It'll happen when you're not looking for it."</p>
<p>Gifts for Life</p> <p>The gifts from Father Christmas (Chapter 10)</p>	<p>"These are your presents," "they are tools not toys.".... "He handed to Peter a shield and a sword."..... "Susan.... These are for you," and he handed her a bow and a quiver full of arrows and little ivory horn. "You must use</p>

<p>Material Gifts Practical Gifts</p> <p>Personal gifts and talents</p>	<p>the bow only in great need,”..... “And when you put this horn to your lips and blow it, then, wherever you are, I think help of some kind will come to you.”.... “Lucy,” He gave her a little bottle of what looked like glass..... and a small dagger. “In this bottle,” he said, “there is a cordial.....If you or any of your friends is hurt, a few drops of this will restore them. And the dagger is to defend yourself at great need.”</p>
<p>Kingship</p> <p>Qualities of Kingship</p> <p>Aslan</p> <p>Peter</p> <p>Jesus the King</p>	<p>“Aslan?” said Mr Beaver. “Why, don’t you know? He’s the King. He’s the Lord of the whole wood.”.....</p> <p>“Aslan a man!” said Mr Beaver sternly. “Certainly not. I tell you he is the King of the wood and the son of the great Emperor-beyond-the-Sea. Don’t you know who is the King of Beasts! Aslan is a lion - <i>the</i> Lion, the great Lion.”.....</p> <p>“That, O Man,” said Aslan, “is Cair Paravel of the four thrones, in one of which you must sit as King. I show it to you because you are the first-born and you will be High King over all the rest.”</p>
<p>Temptation Forgiveness</p> <p>Edmund - Chapter 4</p> <p>Relationships</p> <p>Aslan</p> <p>Peter, Susan and Lucy</p>	<p>“And he thought about Turkish Delight and about being a King (“And I wonder how Peter will like that?” he asked himself) and horrible ideas came into his head.”.....</p> <p>“As for what the Witch would do with the others, he didn’t want her to be particularly nice to them - certainly not to put them on the same level as himself; but he managed to believe, or to pretend he believed, that she wouldn’t do anything very bad to them, “Because,” he said to himself, “all these people who say nasty things about her are her enemies and probably half of it isn’t true. She was jolly nice to me, anyway, much nicer than they are.”.....</p> <p>“there they saw Aslan and Edmund walking together in the dewy grass..... “There is no need to tell you (and no one ever heard) what Aslan was saying, but it was a conversation which Edmund never forgot. As the others</p>

	<p>drew nearer Aslan turned to meet them.”.... “Here is your brother,” he said, “and- there is no need to talk to him about what is past.” Edmund shook hands with each of the others and said to each of them in turn, “I’m sorry,” and everyone said, “That’s all right.” And then everyone wanted very hard to say something which would make it quite clear that they were all friends with him again.”.....</p> <p>“Does he know,” whispered Lucy to Susan, “what Aslan did for him? Does he know what the arrangement with the Witch really was?” “Hush! No. Of course not,” said Susan. “Oughtn’t he to be told?” said Lucy. “Oh, surely not,” said Susan. “It would be too awful for him. Think how you’d feel if you were he.”</p>
<p>Winter into Spring</p> <p>Seasonal Changes Miracles of Creation</p>	<p>“It’s She that makes it always winter. Always winter and never Christmas, think of that!”....</p> <p>“And then, as he looked at one tree he saw a great load of snow slide off it and for the first time since he had entered Narnia he saw the dark green of a fir tree.”..... “Every moment the patches of green grew bigger and the patches of snow grew smaller.”..... “Shafts of delicious sunlight struck down on to the forest floor.”</p>
<p>Aslan’s Sacrificial Love (Chapters 14 and 15)</p> <p>The Many faces of Aslan (See attached sheet)</p> <p>Who is Aslan? The power of Aslan? The characteristics of Aslan?</p> <p>Aslan’s Sacrifice</p> <p>Would you like to meet Aslan?</p>	<p>“And now a very curious thing happened. None of the children knew who Aslan was any more than you do; but the moment the Beaver had spoken these words everyone felt quite different.”..... “At the name of Aslan each one of the children felt something jump in its inside. Edmund felt a sensation of mysterious horror. Peter felt suddenly brave and adventurous. Susan felt as if some delicious smell or some delightful strain of music had just floated by her. And Lucy got the feeling you have when you wake up in the morning and realize that it is the beginning of the holidays.”..... “Oh, can <i>no</i> one help us?” wailed Lucy. “Only Aslan,” said Mr Beaver, “we must go on and</p>

Aslan and Jesus	<p>meet him. That's our only chance now.".....</p> <p>"For when they tried to look at Aslan's face they just caught a glimpse of the golden mane and the great, royal, solemn, overwhelming eyes; and then they found they couldn't look at him and went all trembly.".....</p> <p>"Fall back, all of you," said Aslan, "and I will talk to the Witch alone.".....</p> <p>"Aren't you dead then, dear Aslan?" said Lucy. "Not now," said Aslan.</p> <p>"He had bounded up to the stone lion and breathed on him.".....</p> <p>"One day you'll see him and another you won't. He doesn't like being tied down - and of course he has other countries to attend to. It's quite all right. He'll often drop in. Only you mustn't press him. He's wild, you know. Not like a <i>tame</i> lion."</p>
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Activity Ideas, a list of some excellent ideas for activities linked with the story of The Lion, the Witch and The Wardrobe can be found at www.thelionscall.com, click on the student project ideas in the Teachers Section.