

LEARNING IN INSPIRING SPACES

SONGS AND STORIES

Activity type Cathedral and Learning Centre activities

Duration 3 x 40 minute sessions 11.00-14.00 (approx.)

The children will:

- Gain a fuller understanding of the significance of stories in Christianity

They will do this by:

- Exploring the Quire
- Making an instrument to praise God with
- Learning that stained glass is used to help tell bible stories
- Creating their own stained glass window
- Hearing the creation story in an interactive way
- Exploring the cathedral in small groups to find the hidden animals.

Key vocabulary Bible, Creation, Quire, Songs, Stained Glass, Stories

**Before the visit why
not.....**

- Introduce the key vocabulary
- Read the Creation story
- Pick your favourite hymn/song

Preparing children for a visit to a place of worship

During your visit, there will be people in the building to pray. A member of the Schools and Families team will introduce the children to the Cathedral but it would be helpful if you could prepare them. Below are a few ideas:

- The Cathedral is a place of worship. **What is worship?** What does that mean to you?
- **Who worships at the Cathedral?** It is a Christian place of worship, and services (group worship) take place every day. The main service takes place on a Sunday but the Cathedral is open all year (except Boxing Day) for other services or for people to visit to pray on their own or in small groups or for general visitors
- **Will we experience worship on our visit?** If you are participating in a RE-focussed activity then you will learn about Christian worship. During your visit to the Cathedral there won't not be services taking place but there will be people visiting to pray on their own or in small groups
- **What will they be doing?** Lighting candles, talking to the priests about their worries or concerns, reading the bible, sitting quietly on one of the chairs
- **How should we show respect to those people?** By moving round the building sensibly, slowly and quietly, removing a hat if wearing one, keeping to main parts of the church and away from areas roped off (these are the most holy (important) areas of the church to Christian people), by having our phones on silent and taking telephone calls outside, being mindful of people sitting on their own or in small groups or lighting candles – they could be saying prayers.
- **"I'm not a Christian though...."** All are welcome in the Cathedral regardless of whether they are Christian or not.

We hope you enjoy your visit to the Cathedral and look forward to welcoming you

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