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14 top tips for taking collective worship in a school

Collective worship is a legal requirement in schools. Here are CaSS' top tips for taking an effective assembly. Remember you are speaking to people of all faiths and none.

- Pray** Pray for what you will say and who you will say it to. If you pray with the children during the assembly, say 'If you want to make this your prayer, say Amen at the end.'
- Prepare** Prepare what you will say and how you will say it.
- Past** Don't assume the children know anything about the Bible, as children may have done in the past.
- Point** Have one theme / point and stick to it.
- Pictures** Be visual and be creative.
- People** People engage with stories about people.
- Prompt** Arrive on time and only talk for the time allowed.
- Passion** You have good news, be passionate about it.
- Preach X** A school isn't the place to preach.
- Phrases** Use phrases such as 'Christians believe', 'As a Christian I believe.'
- Pronounce** Speak slowly, loudly and clearly.
- Polite** Be polite when you speak, both in your talk and to everyone you meet in school.
- Ponder** Have a few moments of reflection for pupils on what you have said.
- Permission** Ask for permission to hand out a leaflet, advertise an event etc.