



1. 'I Am With You Always' – Scripture Thought For The Week

The following resource provides a scripture affirmation and reflection with a simple ritual and concluding song. Settle the community before using them. When they are settled, light a candle and display the Word of God. It is intended that the scripture affirmation be read twice with a brief pause between.

The reflection which follows it should be read slowly. If desired, the scripture affirmation and reflection, and/or the song, can be accompanied with PowerPoint images. (See www.liturgyplanningimages.com)

Depending on the atmosphere of the assembly setting and the readiness of the group, the ritual could be used after the reflection. If it is inappropriate to use the ritual after the scripture reflection then simply allow a period of silent reflection and conclude with the song or hymn. However, if it is appropriate to use the ritual, then ensure it is facilitated in a meditative manner, noting the use of pauses which are indicated by dots ... It may be helpful to use quiet instrumental music as background to the ritual.

The Word Of God

“Treat others as you would want to be treated yourself...” Matthew 7:12

Reflection

Have you ever thought of how you want to be treated by other people? Jesus often thought about this question. He believed that everyone deserved to be treated with kindness, justice and respect. Jesus taught his followers to do good for one another, by caring for each other, by making peace, and being fair and just with others. Jesus taught his followers to treat all people equally with love and respect. In choosing this Word today, you have the chance to sit and reflect on how you want people to treat you and how you treat others.

Ritual

Pause now and be still... Think of the ways you like people to treat you... How does that make you feel or think about yourself? During this quiet time now, and in the days to come, think of someone you feel you could be treating with more care and respect... Think of ways in which you can do good for them...and try to do so as soon as you can.

Remember

To treat others the way you want to be treated by them.

Concluding Song

What Kind Of Love Is This? (Monica Brown – One Moment)

Please note:

The music suggested in this resource is from Australian hymn books and other international publications. You may prefer to substitute some of the music with suitable music from Irish composers and publications.

