

Sing to the Lord	KS1 & KS2	No. of lessons: 3+
Learning objectives: To find out how Christians worship God through singing and to discover what the messages of hymns and songs can teach about Jesus and God.		
Questions for reflection: see below		
Activities and experiences <i>Christian music takes so many forms that it is impossible to list them all, but why not experiment with listening to some different styles of music to what you usually use in assembly? Where possible use some materials from other cultures and in different languages, classical as well as modern. Is there anyone from the local church who can help with suggestions?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Remember that this is RE (!) and so ask questions like: How does this music make me feel? Is it meant to do that, or is it because it is different / confusing etc? What might it make a Christian feel? What language is the song in? Do Christians still sing this today and where might they do that? What is the song's message? Is there anything that is being said I don't understand? What does the song teach me about what Christians believe? ◆ Create the class' own personal "Top Ten" (Five?) of worship songs and learn to sing one of the favourites in order to teach it to the rest of the school in assembly. ◆ Invite members of the local church to add to your list. 		
<p><i>Most of you sources will probably be borrowing CDs – and there are thousands of possibilities! You could also video programmes such as Songs of Praise. Or try a new hymn book – why not borrow something from your church?</i></p> <p>Websites: Do try the Taize site – they have music downloads, you can print off the music for a large number of simple chants and they have materials in several languages, including Latin - http://www.taize.fr/en_rubrique12.html a top site, and a very popular centre for young people. The grassroots music company has several downloads of contemporary American Christian records at http://www.grassrootsmusic.com/mp3/ yes well.. If you have a real player on your computer you can listen to choral evensong from the BBC http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio3/choralevensong/ and if you go online to the "virtual church" at: http://www.virtualchurch.org/choir.htm?roomlist=entrance.htm&forceid=440&search_type=T&search_string=praise you'll find the words of a few traditional hymns and the music to sing a long to (and just keep scrolling down that page – there's plenty there!)</p>		