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| The members of the church community and their roles | Year Group: KS2 | No. of lessons: 3/4 |
| Links: Cambs: CPE4, CPE5, CPL3, CWR2, CWR3, CSC2, CNW2 P'borough: CPE2, CPE5, CPL3, CWR2, CWR3, CSC2, CNW2, N'folk: CC, CBB, CW | | |
| Learning objectives: To discover what lay people in churches do. To begin to think about the role of children in a church community. | | |
| Questions for reflection: If I was in charge, what would I want the church to be like? What do people like about the church? What don't they like? | | |
| <p>Activities and experiences:</p> <p>We know what the vicar does, but what do other people do in church, apart from worship? Can you invite some in to find out? (Parents, governors and Bishop's School Visitors may be able to help.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare your school with a church. Who are the people the school needs to keep it running and what are their jobs? Who helps lead collective worship? By producing a chart to find church equivalents, you will find many parallels, from secretary to teacher to cleaner to governors (PCC). Can you speak to anyone who does those jobs, or even meet them in situ? • Use a suitable version of the Bible to find out how the apostle Paul told the early Christians that they all had different skills and they must use their gifts or talents to serve the church e.g. Romans chapter 4 verses 4-8, or selections from I Corinthians chapter 12. • What do children do in your local church? Do they take communion? Do they have a role in the service? Is there a Sunday School? Are there special services for families or the uniformed organisations? Do they help lead the music? How are children's gifts being used? If you are a church school, then you are also part of the church family – what is your relationship with the rest of the church community? <p>Write a letter to the vicar or the PCC to suggest some of the ways your local church could be more inclusive, or improve further its relationships with its church school (there's a collection of 55 ideas on www.ely.anglican.org/education/schools which you might find useful). Why not really send those letters and see what response you get?</p> | | |