

Prizes that Last

An idea for Collective Worship



Make

Get the pupils to make and wear their own "I'm a winner!" badge to wear to worship

Look at

- A collection of trophies, shields, certificates, prizes, gift vouchers and money
- A collection of personal 'treasures' not necessarily of material value

Sing

I'm special
All I once held dear
Come on and celebrate
Seek ye first the kingdom of God
Safe in the Father's hand
Father I place into your hands



Listen to

Talk about the first collection on display. Ask pupils for their thoughts on winning and losing, how does it make them feel. Share the collection of 'personal treasures' with them. It may be that some of them have special memories of people who have died or are no longer with you. Ask the pupils if they have any special treasures.

Athletes who are training for the World Cup, Commonwealth Games will know what it is like to win and lose. Christians in sport know whatever they do God loves them as long as they have done their best it will not change God's love for them.

With God we are ALL winners. We are all different and need to try to be the best we can with whatever gifts and skills we have. People may judge us by how clever we are but God does not. He wants us to put our gifts to the best possible use. He wants us to look out for others in our race to reach the ultimate prize: to be with God forever.

He wants us to help, offer friendship and show that we can be trusted by others so that by our example we can help others to know God.

Pray

Thank you Father for making each one of us different and that You think we are special. Thank you that You still love us in all situations. We are sorry for the times we may have let You and others down by not trying to do our best. Help us to look after and care for everyone we meet today so they can see Your love in us. Amen