

Bonfire Night / Firework assembly – Primary school

Who has been / is going to a bonfire or firework display?

Let's start with finding out how much you know!

Bonfire / Firework Quiz:

- 1 Who planned to blow up the Houses of Parliament on 5th November? (Guy Fawkes)
- 2 How long ago were the first fireworks invented? (over 2000 years ago in China)
- 3 What temperature can a sparkler reach? (2000°C)
- 4 How many fireworks were sold in Britain last year? (Over 130 million)
- 5 How many people had to go to hospital last year after accidents with fireworks? (Over 1000)
- 6 How fast can a rocket go? (Up to 150 miles per hour)
- 7 Which type of firework causes the most injuries? (Sparklers)
- 8

Thinking about light:

Fireworks are very lovely to watch from a safe distance but we need to keep safe from them!
Some of them are very bright against the dark night sky!

I've brought some things along – I wonder if you can help me to put them in order of how much light they would give off – if it was really dark, which one would help you to see most? (Get several volunteers up – older children probably as they will have to understand the concept of ordering themselves...)

Items:

- Torch
- Cake candle
- Large candle
- Picture of the sun
- Lantern
- Sparklers
- Table lamp
- Match
- Picture of a firework

Get the children to arrange themselves!

There's no real right or wrong answer – the truth is, it depends how dark it is and where you are! The sun would be great if you're on top of a hillside somewhere, but it would be no good if you're stuck in a cave! Candles can burn very brightly in the darkness, but no good on a windy day!

Which do you think you'd like best if you were in a dark, scary room? (Ask for a few answers)

Light of the World:

Did you know that in the Bible, Jesus called himself "The Light of the World"? This means that whenever we find ourselves somewhere we don't feel we can see properly, or we can't see the way, He can help us!

It also means that we don't need to be afraid, because Jesus can help us.

He's not like the firework – goes off with a whoosh but doesn't last long, he's not like the candle – might flicker and go out in a strong wind. He's permanent light! Bring light to everyone's life!

Prayer:

Thank you God that we can trust in your light to be always with us. Help us to share that light with other people by what we do and say. Amen