

# ASSEMBLY YEAR OUTLINE FOR TEACHERS

Month	Title	Theme	Bible Passage	Sentence	Possible Intro	Video/Illustration
September	Something out of nothing	Start of the Academic Year	<i>Gen 1:1</i> "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."	God created something out of nothing but what will you create and make happen this year with what He has given you	Clean slates and fresh starts-can talk about the story of someone getting out of prison, or starting a new job, or getting a new baby/pet, new school year-new blazers, new pencil case etc.	Show something that has been made by a former art or technology student. Talk about the process of starting with 'nothing' and starting out new.
October	A light in the darkness	Halloween	<i>John 1: 5 + 9</i> "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" "The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world."	Jesus is the light of the world, He is God in the flesh walking amongst us.	Ask them what they think the best thing about Halloween is e.g. the dressing up, the masks, the limited edition chocolate, the time off school. Mention about fireworks and the light they give off...	Darkness never wins. Get the pupils to close one eye and to cup their hands over the other eye to try and keep out the light...it's very hard to do and even if they do it, the slightest gap and the light invades the dark. Light and darkness are not equal, light always wins.
November	Giving Thanks	Thanksgiving	<i>Psalms 118:1+29</i> "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."	Although we don't celebrate the American tradition of Thanksgiving, it is a good habit to get into. Of looking in your life and being thankful. The Bible tells us we should thank God and two reasons are: He is good and His love endures forever.	Mention great things we have taken from America e.g. Superbowl, Certain american food (especially the candy that seems to be everywhere), clothes and designer clothes, give examples. You can mention other things like 'Black Friday' which is all about us getting but what the American tradition of Thanksgiving which is all about us giving-giving thanks.	Give a list of some of the things you are thankful for in the school. (You could make the first point 'the holidays')
December	Like a kid at Christmas	Christmas	<i>Luke 2:25-35/36-40</i>	The expectation being fulfilled and the excitement from Simeon and/or Anna in the arrival of Jesus into the world.	Get them to think of what they are expecting this Christmas. Get them to think about family traditions, share some of your own.	Christmas in a nutshell-Dan Stevers
January	Brand New	New Beginnings	<i>Isa 43:18-19a</i> "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!"	The Gospel is we receive a new life, not that we turn over a new leaf.	New year's resolutions-share some or ask them theirs. Are they new or the same old ones?!	Talk about the latest trends/fashions compared to what it was like for you when you went to school.

February	All you need is love	Love	<i>John 3:16</i> "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."	Are you aware of God's love for you?	Get them to think of the 'Top 5 loves of your life', and get them to think of the people in their life. Share yours- you can include funny ones e.g. your headmaster because you want to keep your job. Talk about whether it is easy to love people or not and what if your list was for 25 people-could you do it? Well God so loved 'the world'...	Skit Guys Love Anthem
March	Everything is Awesome	Being Awesome	<i>Psalms 66:5</i> "Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind!"	A challenge to read God's word and find out the awesome things God has done-share your favourite story perhaps.	10th March is International Day of Awesomeness! Share something awesome you have done. Or an awesome story/video you have heard/seen about someone.	Everything is awesome from the LEGO movie
April	April Fools	April Fools	<i>Matthew 7:24-27</i>	Jesus says that those who build their life on his words will have a firm foundation no matter what happens compared to the 'foolish man who built his house on the sand'	April Fools Day-talk about great pranks that have been played. Talk about being a fool if you get the rules of the day wrong.	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXWHLB1f6_U">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXWHLB1f6_U</a>  The parable of the wise and foolish builders
May	Stressed is not best	Exam Stress	<i>Luke 12:13-21/22-31</i>	Keep your perspective when it comes to exams. You are more than a letter on a page but we should use the brains God has given us to do our best and use our full capacity/ Don't worry	Get a hands up of those who are stressing about exams. A quiz that show 'successful people' and whether they 'made the grade' at school. E.g. Bill Gates did, Richard Branson didn't	Perspective-Father Ted "These cows are small but those cows are far away"
June	Does everything change?	End of the year	<i>Hebrews 13:8</i> "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."	Things may change as you leave one year and go into the next but the Bible tells us that Jesus never changes.	Talk about the sadness or delight when things come to an end e.g. a tv series, a diet, exams, a sports game.	CS Lewis Quote "Isn't it funny how day by day nothing changes, but when you look back everything is different"