



## BSG24 Responsive Prayers for Schools

Invite different people to lead in prayer. We suggest a primary pupil, secondary pupil, a student, and an adult from the church family. Email this document to those taking part or print it out and give them a hard copy to use on the day.

**BSG24 All-Age PPT Slides PPT Slide 17** contains the refrain **'May others spot the difference Jesus makes!'**

### Leader

It is important that we pray for our children, young people and school staff as they start a new school year. We want them to feel the support of the church family and that they are going **back to school with God!**

I have invited several people to lead us in prayer. If that is you, please come forward. After each person prays, we will repeat the words on the PPT slide. Let's practice that together now:

**May others spot the difference knowing Jesus makes!**

### Primary pupil

Lord Jesus, thank you that you are our Saviour and our Best Friend. Thank you that you will be by our side when we go to nursery and school. Today we heard about the blind man and how he praised you, Lord, for what you did in his life. Help us to be thankful, like he was. Help us not to moan. Please help us to tell others about how great you are and what you have done for us. We heard about Zacchaeus and the way you changed him too. Please change us into people who are kind, generous and loving. May others spot the difference knowing Jesus makes. *(Slight pause)*

**May others spot the difference knowing Jesus makes!**

### Secondary/post-primary pupil

Lord Jesus, today we have been hearing how you met with two different people in Jericho. Thank you that you are with us here and in our schools. Thank you for the church family who are supporting us in prayer. As Christian young people, help us to live out our faith in school so that our friends and classmates can spot the difference Jesus makes. Please strengthen those who are prefects and pupil leaders. Help them to set a good example to younger pupils. May those who know you reflect the love of Jesus in their inner attitudes and outward behaviour. May others spot the difference knowing Jesus makes. *(Slight pause)*

**May others spot the difference knowing Jesus makes.**

## Student

Lord Jesus, thank you for the gift of faith. Thank you for meeting with us, just as we are. Help those of us who are struggling, like the blind beggar. Please strengthen and help us. Give us courage to ask you honestly for what we need. Help those of us who feel we don't need you, or feel that we are not good enough to come to you. May we hear you calling our name, just like Zacchaeus did. May we come to experience the depth of your love for us, and may others spot the difference knowing Jesus makes. *(Slight pause)*

**May others spot the difference knowing Jesus makes.**

## Church Representative

Lord Jesus, meeting you has transformed our lives. Forgive us that sometimes we keep your love to ourselves and are indifferent to the needs of others. Help us to show Jesus to those we meet in our schools, our neighbourhoods, our communities. Give us discernment to see individuals who are hurting and in need, like the blind beggar. Make us sensitive to those who look fine on the outside, like Zacchaeus, who might desire to know your love, forgiveness and transforming power.

Lord Jesus, you have challenged us today to reflect your love to others, so that they may spot your presence in our lives. We pray for our children, young people and school staff as they go to nurseries, schools, colleges and universities. Please guard and keep them. Help them to live, speak and act differently. Give them courage to believe in you when others don't. Inspire them to demonstrate your love in practical ways so that many others might spot the difference knowing Jesus makes. *(Slight pause)*

**May others spot the difference knowing Jesus makes.**

**ALL: Amen.**