

'Little Amal Visits Westminster Cathedral'

Primary Resource

Introduction for teachers

Thank you for using this resource. This PowerPoint tells the story of Little Amal's visit to Westminster Cathedral, where she was welcomed by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Little Amal is a 3.5 meter tall puppet who represents unaccompanied child refugees. Amal journeyed from the Turkey-Syria border to the UK, tracing the perilous journey that many migrants and refugees make.

This presentation is set out like a story, with opportunities for reflection, prayer and learning. We invite you to read this presentation to your pupils. Older year groups might like to read out the slides themselves. There are moments within the presentation that you can use to expand upon/invite pupils to share their thoughts and feelings.

Slides

Slide 2

Hymn: Everyday God (YouTube)

Slide 4

Invite pupils to share how Amal might have felt on her journey. Would she have felt tired? Scared? Welcomed? How might Amal have felt meeting Pope Francis in Rome? How might Pope Francis have felt meeting her?

Slide 10

An opportunity to pause and pray the Hail Mary together

Slide 13

Let the pupils think about how they would welcome Amal and make her feel included. Would they buy her a present? Cook her a meal? Show her around the school? Include her in their games at breaktime? Ask her to sit next to them in class?

Activities

- Draw a guardian angel.
- In groups design a card of welcome for Amal. Inside pupils write notes of welcome, as well as pledges for what they will do to make her feel included.

