

Assembly Outline:

The greatest event in the world

This film has been created to show at a guest event in connection with the World Cup 2018.

Over time we've seen what really works well; that is to show a short film before your talk. This can then be followed up with a short talk/summary or posing a couple of questions to facilitate discussion on the content of the film.

Suggestions of what to say before and after the film

Generally, we've found that when introducing the film, the less said the better. Perhaps say "Now take a look at this short film and talk" or something equivalent.

After showing the film you can develop it further yourself, for a few minutes, using;

- a) the following summary talk outline or creating one yourself
- b) the suggested questions or adapting your own

SUMMARY TALK OUTLINE

1. Pick out a couple of the highlighted words in the film to explain your experience of the World Cup so far:
 - Expectation
 - Inspiration
 - Passion
 - Controversy
 - Commitment
 - Pain
 - Wonder
 - Victory
2. Move to highlighting some of the words that describe the greatest event in the world - The cross of Jesus:
 - Expectation: 'Was He the long-awaited king whom so many had waited for?'
 - Inspiration: 'Inspirational...but so much more!!!'
 - Passion: 'A God who loved us so much he sent His own son to die in our place.'
 - Controversy: 'Jesus has divided opinion for centuries; a good teacher, a liar, or the son of God?'
 - Commitment: 'Jesus was beaten, scorned, shamed and crucified. He went to the cross for the sake of those whom the father loved and died in their place!'
 - Pain: 'The weight of the sins of the world was on His shoulders.'
 - Wonder: 'When I realised that He went to the cross FOR ME...He was punished for my sins so that I am free - Joy of Joys!!'
 - Victory: 'For the grave could not hold him as He rose again and lives today - for we know He gives us eternal life.'
3. Read out the verse that spectators have held up high at World Cups over decades that sums up these words

John 3v16
¹⁶ 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.
4. Ask the following question:
 - Will you discover the greatest event of all time for yourself?
5. Finish with a description of how people can find out more.

Suggested Questions:

- After watching the film/talk, what has it made you think?
- What do you think about the death and resurrection of Jesus being the greatest event in the world?
- Why do you believe/what stops you believing this was the greatest event in the world?
- Will you consider discovering more about the Christian faith?