

# Good morning

## Christian core

It is a Christian duty to love one's neighbour, but in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus also taught that you should love your enemies: 'If ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others?' (Matthew 5: 43–48).

## Other key ideas

The world is a beautiful place that is made even more so by friendship and love of one another, an idea promoted by many religions: in Judaism, for example, the Torah states, 'Love your neighbour like yourself' (Leviticus (Old Testament) 19: 18).

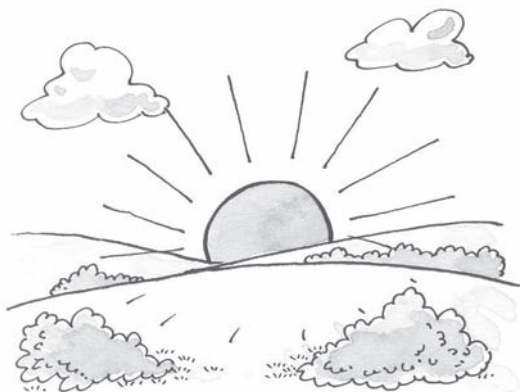
## Music for assembling

Edward Elgar, *Chanson de Matin*, Op. 15 No. 2 (3'02"). (Refer to Index for alternative suggestions.)

### Song on the CD

The song 'Good morning' not only celebrates the new day dawning, but is also in praise of friendship. This song also includes parts for recorder and tuned percussion on the CD.

See photocopiable pages 66 and 67.



## Alternative music for singing

You might use the familiar 'Morning has broken' by Eleanor Farjeon (*C&P*, 1) or perhaps the short but apposite morning hymn 'Father we thank thee for the night' by Rebecca Weston (*WCV*, 4).

### Resources

Appropriate images on the CD include: 'Sunrise' and 'Greetings'. You may want show the 'Sunrise' photograph when introducing the song or as the children are assembling.

### Presentation

#### Good morning!

I have already said that greeting many times this morning; have you? It is very rare that we don't say some friendly words of greeting when we first meet someone. If we didn't do so, the world would become a very strange and unfriendly place indeed.

Imagine if I went to the doctor, and instead of being greeted by 'Good morning', the doctor began by saying 'What do you want?'

*You can give other similar examples.*

We do, of course, use other phrases that serve the same purpose. Can you think of any?

*You could spend a few minutes exploring the kinds of greetings used by adults and children, including slang phrases.*