# **Disposition:** Expressing Joy

## **Lesson:** One

### Question/LO: How do people express joy? How do people express happiness? Is there is a difference between happiness and joy?

| **Dimension of learning** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
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| Learning from experience | Ask pupils about the events in school that have made them happy. This could be a discussion or group could create freeze frames of those times. What made pupils happy? How did they show it?  Are there events marked by families or communities that make people happy? This might include birthdays, weddings, new babies, new homes, exam success etc. Why do people celebrate these? Do they make everyone happy, or are there sometimes sadness and jealousness too?  Create a mind map together of these events. (Some pupils may mention religious celebrations). Take time to listen to different contributions. | n/a |
| Learning about religious traditions and non-religious world-views | How do believers express their joy in worship?  Watch the video, many religious traditions have regular occasions to express joy. Al-Furqan Primary school has an Islamic ethos. Their choir expresses joy that Allah created the world. During the Sabbath, Jewish people sing and then men dance for joy. A Christian gospel choir expresses joy through their song ‘I love to praise him’.  Ask pupils to research one of these faiths that is not their own i.e. Islamic belief in creation, Jewish Sabbath celebrations, Gospel choirs.  What do pupils notice about expressing joy in the three faith traditions?  Even though the reasons in the film are different each tradition shown expresses joy in song. What are people expressing their joy about in each case? Explore the idea that this is different to personal happiness, like that experience joining with friends or on holiday or events when the sun shines, that is a deep appreciation of God’s love and work in the world.  Is it possible for people to be aware of this joy even when not ‘personally’ happy? | A video expressing joy will have downloaded in the same folder as this lesson plan.  KS2\_Y6\_Unit\_09\_Su\_Wk\_01\_of\_03\_R123\_video\_ expressing\_joy\_v2 |
| Learning from faith and non-religious world-views | Questions: When is it important or me to express happiness or joy? | n/a |