

KS2 Unit 2, Lesson 7: What did Jesus teach about revenge and reconciliation?

Context: Previously children will have learned about why Jesus is important to Christians (Key Stage 1 Unit 9) and will be familiar with the narratives of the Christmas and Easter stories, as well as some other bible stories. They will have learned some of the teachings of Jesus about love and forgiveness

Overview: Children will learn about Jesus' sermon on the mount and what he taught about revenge and reconciliation

Essential core: Christians believe the Bible talks about what God is like and his relationship with people who believe in Him.

Vocabulary: revenge, reconciliation, reconcile, judgement,

Resources: Internet access or 'Christianity Unpacked DVD'. Cards with 'revenge' and 'reconciliation' marked on them. Quote cards from the sermon on the mount, talkabout revenge and reconciliation sheet.

INTRODUCTION

Show the children the phrase 'Don't get mad, get even!' Do they know what it means? Do they agree or disagree with it?

Tell the children you are going to learn 2 words today and show them the words on cards- revenge/ reconciliation. Do they know what these 2 words mean? Explain that the phrase you looked at is talking about revenge- paying someone back for a wrong they've done you, and reconciliation means bringing people back together who have been separated by a wrong of some sort. Ask whether there was revenge or reconciliation in the story of the prodigal son. The Father and son were reconciled at the end of the story.

Watch the video clip from request:

<http://request.org.uk/jesus/teaching/jesus-teaching-reconciliation/> stopping at 1:58.

Or watch the section from the 'Christianity unpacked' DVD on revenge and reconciliation.

Ask children what they think Jesus thinks about revenge and reconciliation? What evidence can they give from the sermon on the mount for this? You can also use the follow up questions from the DVD.

Use the quote cards with the statements from the sermon on the mount. Give groups of 4-5 children one of the quote cards, and ask them to answer the following questions as they discuss each one: What do they think Jesus meant? What might a Christian learn from these words? How might they try to put them into practice?

Briefly take feedback from each group to ensure that children have understood what Jesus' words mean and how Christians might try to follow them.

Give children the attached 'talkabout' sheet about revenge and reconciliation, and discuss the story scenario of Peter and the bully. Allow time for children to think about and record their responses to the questions.

PLENARY

Talk about the children's responses. Have they thought carefully about Peter being a Christian, and how this might affect his actions? Have they tried to include some of Jesus' words in their answers?

