

KS2 Unit 9 Lesson 3 – Jesus an example for people today

Context: How a Christian Leader was inspired to follow the Christian faith.

Overview: To identify how Jesus has inspired people following the Christian faith; how his influence has inspired others to take action. Children will be able to acknowledge the importance of how their actions can inspire others; Agape (selfless; love), forgiveness.

Essential core: Recall stories from the Bible. Understand what Christians believe these stories say about who Jesus is.

Resources: Visitor of Christian Faith should be booked for this lesson. You could contact a local church or one of the suggested local Christian charities. camera, flip chart – children’s questions from the previous lesson. <http://streetpastors.org/locations/taunton/>
<http://www.tauntonopendoor.org.uk/>
<http://www.ycstyeovil.org.uk/the-lords-larder/>
<https://capuk.org/>

INTRODUCTION:

Discuss with the children the Key Leadership qualities identified with Jesus from the previous lesson and how they can help and support people who are unpopular, poor and sick. How can we encourage others to support such members of our society?

Build Up:

A Christian representative of one of the suggested local Christian charities or member of a local church.

One approach might be to look at one or more of the joint projects run by members of the local Christian churches - eg:

Street Pastors work in many local towns. <http://streetpastors.org/locations/taunton/>

Taunton Open door (homeless) <http://www.tauntonopendoor.org.uk/>

Food banks (most are in churches) - eg: <http://www.ycstyeovil.org.uk/the-lords-larder/>

Christians Against Poverty (debt counselling) - <https://capuk.org/>

Discuss with the children the work of the charity (if relevant) and what their involvement has got to do with their Christian faith and the example of Jesus. What are their reasons for following Jesus Christ?

Were there any inspirational people in their own lives?

(Photograph discussion for evidence)

TASK:

Write a personal reflection on the visit – recognising the personal qualities, the initial inspirations to follow the faith and how their actions now continue to follow in Jesus’ footsteps with inspiring others.

Children should consider making notes on the following; What inspired the visitor to follow the Christian faith, how do they inspire others within the Christian faith within the local and wider communities - and then to reflect themselves on how they would like to inspire someone in the future, whether to achieve a goal, contribute to campaigning to raise awareness or to support in the cancelling of an injustice they feel strongly towards. (This could be related to present events within the community or wider.)

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT:

How does Jesus continue to inspire people today? How is he still inspirational to others?