

CIRCLE TIME: FOUNDATION STAGE

Virtue 2 (Spring): Love of Neighbour:

I know that loving my neighbour means loving EVERYONE.

I show my compassion when I am patient, understanding and loving to my neighbour.

PSHCE:

Play an active role as members of society.

Knowledge:

To know that we can show love and compassion to those around us.

Skills:

Express their feelings and consider the feelings of others.

Attitudes:

Our love for others comes from our love for God.

Circle Time Rules:

We listen to each other.

We do not say or do anything that would hurt another person.

We signal when we want to say something.

We may say pass.

If a game involves touch we may sit and watch before making a decision to join in.

Skills - Thinking, Looking, Listening, Speaking, Concentrating

Throughout Circle Time it is vital that teachers praise children for using the above skills.

Step 1. Game

Play 'Pass the smile' in which you choose a child to begin by smiling at the person beside them. Each person smiles at the next and we continue to pass the smile around the circle. How did that make us feel? It is very easy to make your neighbour feel happy and loved by simply sharing a smile.

Step 2. Round

Ask the children to stand up/ sit down for various scenarios (e.g. likes football, has a sister, walked to school this morning etc.) Explain that we are all different – we look different, we like different things, and our lives are different, but we have one thing in common; we are all neighbours and we are all loved by God.

Pass an object around the circle and ask the children to share something they will do to be a good neighbour.

Trigger statement:

I will be a good neighbour by...

Step 3. Open Forum

Show the puppet. Explain that he feels sad today because nobody would play with him. How could we help him? What could he do?

Children respond. Discuss ideas.

Step 4. Celebration

In class, have a 'neighbour of the day' lanyard and choose a child who has shown kindness and compassion to others throughout the day.

Step 5. Ending Ritual

Listen to 'The Golden Rule' song. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCNEf6l4eXo>)

How will we show love to our neighbours this week?

Resources:

Passing object

Puppet