

CIRCLE TIME: YEAR: EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE

Virtue 7 – Charity & Love of Neighbour:

Definition: Charity is love, We love God and we love our neighbour as we love ourselves

Feeling words:

Happy, glad, Love, share, give (charity) kind.

Knowledge:

Know that everyone is special and different.

Know the commandment 'Love One Another, as I have loved you,'

Charity is an act of love.

Skills:

Recognise their worth as individuals by identifying positive things about themselves.

Knowing that giving and helping others is rewarding, and brings us closer to God.

Our actions, no matter how small, can make a big difference help others in need.

Attitudes:

I show love of God through concern for others.

Know it in your head, feel it in your heart and show it in your hands.

Show respect for different people's views.

Signs of living the Virtue:

I try to love others as I love myself.

I know we are happiest when we are united.

I share with others and give what I can to help our neighbours in our local and international communities

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

'Bag of sweets' game.

Teacher tells the class to imagine they all have a favourite toy on their knees. Think of what they have, e.g. car, doll teddy etc.

"Now you are going to share it with the person next to you."

Choose certain children to stand up and offer their toy to others.

Step 2. Open Forum

Puppet is looking really glad. S/he tells the children that s/he's feeling really glad because his/her friend and s/he have been playing together and they've had such a wonderful time..."We really love each other," says puppet.

Teacher: What have you each been doing that has made you feel like you love each other?

Puppet: We've, been taking turns, we've been sharing and I just love it when we all get along together. [The following round is aimed at our youngest children. Some of them will be able to identify actions which express love but even for adults love is an extremely complex concept so we need to start simply and with where children are at.]

Trigger statement:

I love it when...

Step 3. Celebration

Ask the children to look around the circle. Remind the children about the focus of their circle time. Is there anybody in the circle who the children would like to nominate or say thank you to for showing love to them this week?

Step 6. Ending Ritual

Pass a gentle back rub around the circle. God Loves You!

Sing - Magic Penny.

Resources:

Speaking puppet

Open forum puppet