

FAITH CIRCLE TIME: YEAR: EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE

Virtue 5 Faith:

Faith is to Trust.

Faith helps us to put our trust in God.

Knowledge:

Know that people have Faith. That prayer helps your faith grow stronger,

Skills:

Learn to make the sign of the cross.

Learn that the Bible is a book of faith.

Faith – in the end it will be all be fine

Attitudes:

Begin to accept people have Faith. Faith helps us to Trust in God.

Signs of living the Virtues:

I know God loves me and I trust God to take care of me

I ask God to guide in my life

I spend time with God in moments of quiet and prayer

I share my belief in God with others

My words and actions show my faith in God's love

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

Send a movement around the circle.

Teacher starts with one movement eg:- clap/wiggle, child on right begins movement and so on around the circle. As children become more confident the teacher says 'Change' and the movement is passed back round the other way around the circle.

Change movement eg:- wiggle/tap knees/ tap shoulders/stamp foot.

Step 2. Round

Introduce new puppet into the class

Puppet would like to know the names of everybody and something they like about Nursery/Reception

Trigger statement:

"Hello my names is..." I pray to God about

Step 3. Open Forum

Puppet explains they wanted to talk to God but didn't know the words to use.

How can we help puppet to pray?

Encourage children to think about praying

Children respond

Step 4. Celebration

Ask children to look around the circle. Remind them the focus of their Circle Time. Is there anyone in the circle who you would like to Thank God for

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Step 5. Ending Ritual

Children hold hands and pass a friendly squeeze around the class.