

# FAITH CIRCLE TIME: YEAR: 3/4

## Virtue 5 Faith:

**Faith is to Trust**

**Faith helps us to put our Trust in God**

### **Knowledge:**

Know that there are different faiths, Know people can gain strength from their faith. Know that to spend time in prayer or silently with God strengthens the friendship with Jesus.

### **Skills:**

To be able to be silent and spend time with God.

To put our Trust in God

### **Attitudes:**

Respect people of different Faith.

To respond to Jesus call to grow in Faith.

### **Statements for Assessment:**

#### **Signs you have faith:**

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**

Children to stand in a circle and count down from the number of children there are, say starting at 30. Each child has to say 1 number and sit down when they say their number. The children are not allowed to indicate to another that they are going to sit down. If they sit down at the same time as someone else the group has to start again. The group will have succeeded when every child has had a turn to say a number and sit down without doing it at the same time as someone else. Before you begin ask the children what rules might be useful?

### **Step 2. Round.**

How did the children feel that said a number at the same time as someone else? What kinds of things did we do or say that were helpful / not helpful?

Discuss with the children the need for Faith and Trust in each other – ask for how this could be developed

### **Trigger statement:**

We could...

### **Step 3. Open Forum**

To support children new to Circle Time the teacher can prepare a simple role-play of a child asking for help.

#### **Teacher in role:**

At times my faith is not as strong as I would like it to be - How can we develop Faith in God ...

The children respond "Would it help if I?" or

"Would it help if you?" or

"Would it help if we?"

[As soon as you think your class is ready children can request help from their peer group]

### **Plan, do and review (The teacher can be included here!)**

#### **Step 4. Celebration**

Children share an example of when they have seen someone live their Faith or demonstrate any Virtue.

#### **Step 5. Ending Ritual**

Talk about acceptance starting with ourselves! [Many adults spend a huge amount of time judging and blaming ourselves!!!]

Love Yourself/Hug Yourself – Say God Loves Me!

Each child wraps their arms around their body and gives themselves a hug. [Some children will not want to do this. Suggest that they just sit and quietly observe]