

FORGIVENESS CIRCLE TIME: YEAR: FOUNDATION STAGE

Virtue 8: Forgiveness

Forgiveness is to let go of hurt feelings and make a new start.

Knowledge:

Understand what forgiveness means.

Understand what a friend is and how to be a friend.

Understand that everyone makes mistakes and we need to say sorry.

Skills:

Consider the consequences of their words and actions for themselves and others.

Attitudes:

Consider the importance of being a friend and keeping friends.

Consider the importance of being sorry and forgiving others when they are sorry.

Signs of Living the Virtue:

I accept God's forgiveness

I can forgive

I accept forgiveness from others

I have the courage to give others and myself the courage to have a new start.

I know that with God's love I can change.

I understand that saying sorry is one way of making amends.

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

'Name Game'

Teacher sets up a rhythm 'Hello' clap - clap etc

To introduce everyone in the circle

Go round the circle, child/children say the next persons name on the clap - clap

Use quiet claps!

Step 2: Round

Teacher talks to puppet about mistakes he/she has made

E.g. 'I didn't let my friend play outside with me'

'I pushed my friend in the line'

'I didn't share the blocks in the construction'

Teacher asks the children what mistakes they have made.

Trigger Statement:

I like to...with my friend.

Step 3: Open Forum:

Teacher tells children that puppet is upset. When s/he was playing with the bricks in the construction corner one of her/his best friends hit her/him – he/she does not know what to do. She/he knows s/he must not hit him/her back because it would make things worse... and perhaps start a fight.

What should puppet do? Can the children help?

Teacher asks children to respond.

Teacher praises children for their ideas.

Step 4: Celebration:

Is there anyone the children would like to say thank you to perhaps for saying sorry in a way that you knew they really meant it.

Step 5: Ending Ritual:

Songs – Children of God in one Family

- 'When someone hurts me' to the tune
'Rock - a - bye - Baby'

'When someone hurts me or makes me feel sad,
I hope they say sorry and then I am glad,
I can forgive them and make friends again'
All will be happy - all friends again.

Resources:

Speaking puppet

Open forum puppet