

Assembly (3rd and 4th Class) Based on Lesson 9 On Line

Peace and Reconciliation

The assembly starts by talking about places in the world where there is war or conflict. These would have been researched during the RE lesson

The assembly is written for 14 parts. Some parts could be separated to give further children speaking roles. There is the opportunity to read a poem on the theme of peace and some prayers. There are also opportunities to hold up pictures etc.

You need: 1) To have taught the lesson Peace and Reconciliation (Term 1 Lesson 9) On Line

- 2) World map on poster/ slide with countries at war highlighted on it.
- 3) Poems and Prayers written by the class on the theme of peace
- 4) Possible different examples of reconciliation from books/ movies the children are familiar with to replace 17-20
- 5) Optional: a photo of the bowl of water and pebbles.

Songs - Make me a channel of your peace. Put peace into each other's hands, Imagine (John Lennon), Bridge over troubled waters (Simon & Garfunkel)

1	Last week in R.E. we talked about peace. First we talked about war. Here is a world map. On it we have put flags on countries where there has been or where there is war. We talked about these places and did some research on our ipads/ computers to find out about the wars.
2	We looked in our Bibles for verses about peace and we illustrated some of them. Which verse do you like the best?
3	Isaiah chapter 2 verse 4 They will hammer their swords into ploughs and their spears into pruning knives. Nations will never again go to war, never prepare for battle again.
4	Isaiah chapter 11 verse 6. Listen for the animals in this verse. Wolves and sheep will live together in peace and leopards will lie down with young goats. Calves and lion cubs will feed together and little children will take care of them. That picture of peace is amazing. Usually those animals would kill each other and can you imagine taking care of lion cubs?

5	<p>Jesus said 'Happy are those who work for peace. God will call them his children.'</p> <p>Jesus also said 'Peace is what I leave with you, it is my own peace that I give you.'</p>
6	We wrote our own poems on the theme of peace. Here is one poem.
7	Then we learned about Reconciliation. It's when friendships are mended and people are friends again. We looked at some examples from history and from books.
8	In the Bible, Joseph's brothers bullied him but at the end of the story they all became friends again.
9	In the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, Edmund falls out badly with his sisters and brother but at the end of the book they are all friends again and made Kings and Queens of Narnia.
10	In Northern Ireland a man called Gordon Wilson became a peace maker because he forgave people who set off a bomb in Enniskillen which killed his daughter.
11	In England Coventry Cathedral was bombed in World War 2. The old cathedral is still there in ruins but people go there to pray for peace and forgiveness.
12	Lots of songs have a theme of peace. We listened to 'Imagine' by John Lennon and to Bridge over Troubled Waters by Simon and Garfunkel.
13	We thought that peace and reconciliation can be sad topics in RE because thought about people who have been killed. Because we felt that way our teacher filled a basin with water. We took turns to drop a pebble into the water. As the ripples spread out we said the name of a place in the world which needs prayer. We imagined peace spreading out like the ripples.
14	Let us pray for peace in the world (Prayers) written by children
All	<p>We are going to end with an Irish blessing</p> <p>Deep peace of the running wave to you</p> <p>Deep peace of the flowing air to you</p> <p>Deep peace of the quiet earth to you</p> <p>Deep peace of the shining stars to you</p> <p>Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.</p>

