

Christianity - Belonging to a Community - How do Christians show their commitment to Jesus' teaching?
KS2 Year3 or Year 3/4 on a two year rolling programme

Key Areas of Enquiry

A-Beliefs, teachings and sources

F-Values and commitments

Background Story/ Information

Christians believe that one way they should show their commitment to Jesus' teaching is by caring for others. They believe that to care for others and treat everyone equally is what Jesus taught us to do. This helps us to live together peaceably.

Cross Curricular Links

PSHE and Citizenship ICT

Literacy and Drama

Art and Craft

Key Vocabulary

love, neighbour, Parables, Christian, commitment, follower, community,

Skills

Investigation

Application

Interpretation

Key Questions

Why do we love people?

Who is your neighbour?

How do we forgive others?

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neighbour	<p>help? How does the attacked <i>feel</i>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask the children what they think the lawyer who asked who is my neighbour learned from the story? • Discuss Jesus' teaching that anyone in need is a neighbour. Design a poster/ collage on the theme of who is neighbour. Alternatively write a script for a T.V interview with someone who acted as a good neighbour exploring motives. <p><u>OR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the feeding of the 5,000. Modern day context. Rock Concert? Free picnic? <p>If you use this story focus on the willingness of the boy to share what little he had and the compassion that Jesus had for the hungry crowd and the Christian understanding that we should offer what we can to help others so that God can use our gift.</p>	<p>Children understand Christians are showing their commitment to Jesus by following his example- Loving others as he teaches</p>	<p>Bible or John 13 v1-20 Bowl, water, towel. Clothes to dress up in Painting of Jesus washing the disciples feet See e.g. www.nationalgallery.org.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about Jesus washing of disciples feet. • Understand that Christians take this to be an example of loving service. 	<p><u>Lesson 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thought shower the word 'love'. Place words in order of importance. What is the same as another group/what is different? Why? Discuss how you demonstrate love and care for those you know • Jesus demonstrated love as service to others. Show the children the picture of Jesus washing the disciples' feet. What 		

<p>Children will learn how Christian serve others in the local and wider community</p>	<p>questions do you have about this painting?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell or Act out the story of John13 v1-20 using props e.g. use towel and bowl of water. Dress as disciple? Make feet dusty? Ask the question 'I wonder why Jesus did this?' How did Jesus show his love for the disciples in this act? <p><u>Lesson 4</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare Questions for a visitor from the local Christian Community about how they live out Jesus' teaching to serve others. <u>Alternatively</u> visit the Tearfund [or Christian Aid] websites - children's section. Through website investigate and identify the aims of the organisations and learn about some of the projects they are involved with. • Choose one of the projects described either in the church or by Christian Aid and say why it is a good way to help others or • List the projects and in groups rank them in order of effectiveness or • Consider a project you would like to be involved with. <p>Why do people do this? What do they do? <i>OR</i> List of ideas for children to sort into priority. One person in group to give feedback. Do the rest agree? Why/Why not?</p>	<p>Children make connections between their own needs and the needs of others for love and care. Give some examples of how they love others.</p> <p>I can describe a project undertaken by a Christian group in response to Jesus' teaching</p>	<p>org.uk</p> <p>Paper for children to make list. <i>OR</i> list of suggestions done by teacher.</p> <p>Visitor from a local Christian community</p> <p>www.tearfund.org</p> <p>www.christianaid.org.uk</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn that Jesus used parables to convey teaching about the Kingdom of God. • Begin to understand the Christian belief that God loves and forgives each one of us. • Reflect upon their own experiences of forgiveness 	<p><u>Lesson 5</u></p> <p>Parables show Jesus' teachings. Jesus taught that Christians should forgive each other as God forgives them. In this story God is like a loving father who welcomes back his son and forgives him for the hurt he has caused.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Forgiving Father. 'Hotseat' different characters in the story. <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a 'feelings graph for different characters' e.g. Son fed up and turning away from parents. Lonely. Says sorry and welcomed home. <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Parable. Write an acrostic poem on 'Loneliness' <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diary of a runaway. Possibly over 2/3 days. What thoughts would the runaway write? <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create thought/speech bubbles to show what the father/brother might have said/ felt on the return of his son/brother. <p>Discuss with the children the difficulties of forgiving others when they wrong us and think about why it might be important for us and for others to offer forgiveness</p>	<p>Children can identify that in the parable God is like a father who loves all and welcomes those who say sorry. Identify the Christian belief that Christians should forgive others as God forgives them</p>	<p>Parable of The Prodigal Son. Paper for poem Diary format</p>
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<p>Francis literally followed the teachings of Jesus and understood this to be the path of true happiness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about some of the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount • Begin to understand that some of these can be very demanding for Christians • Reflect on how they handle disputes, quarrels etc 	<p><u>Lesson 6</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about St. Francis or read some stories about his life. Explain to the children that he tried very hard to live out Jesus' teachings from the Sermon on the Mount e.g. giving away all his worldly possessions, not worrying about tomorrow, trusting God, helping the poor homeless and sick. St Francis felt that the secret of real happiness was to be found in Jesus' teaching [Matt 5 v 1-12 or see The Lion Children's Bible pg 246] • Create a path to happiness on which the children draw/mark those things that bring them happiness in their life <p>Look at some of Jesus' teachings in the Sermon on the Mount e.g. Matt 5 v22; Matt 5 v39; Matt 5 v40; Matt 6 v3. Which of these teachings do you think would be the hardest to follow? How do you usually handle conflicts? 😊</p>	<p>I can identify how St Francis was influenced by the teachings of Jesus.😊</p> <p>I can identify what influences me and brings me happiness, making connections between my happiness and my relationships with others. 😊</p>	<p>Storybook/information about the life of St. Francis</p>
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Assessment Opportunities.😊

I can describe how Christians show their commitment to Jesus' teaching.

I can make links between my own experience and that of others, identifying what influences me.