

DESMOND AND THE VERY MEAN WORD



Synopsis

When Desmond goes for a ride on his new bicycle, some boys shout a very mean word at him. Desmond can't stop thinking about it. "I will get them back!" he declares. But "getting back" doesn't make Desmond feel better for long. Thanks to Father Trevor's wise advice, he finally discovers the secret to feeling better - and at last he knows how it feels to be free.

Lessons and objectives

When people hurt you, it is normal to feel upset. Sometimes we want revenge and to "get back" at them, but that never works for long. Forgiving the person that hurt you is what will set you free.

Materials Needed

- Big Paper
- Paint
- Paintbrushes
- Plaster Roll
- Pens
- Scissors
- Water Bottle
- Word envelopes
- Puzzle print out
- A4
- Glue Stick
- Portrait Print-out
- Clear glue
- Felt
- Pencil Crayons
- Cotton Wool

Discussion Questions

1. Why is Desmond so upset?
2. How does Desmond feel after he shouts a mean word back at the boys?
3. Why does Desmond feel sorry for the red-haired boy?
4. What is the secret that makes Desmond feel better and free?
5. Has someone ever said mean things to you? How did it make you feel? Were you hurt?
6. Do you think you can forgive that person?

Activities:

1. Vocab - Memory
2. Plaster People
3. Puzzle and Word
4. Desmond Tutu Potrait

PLASTER PEOPLE



Lessons and objectives

Today the children paint body shadows, write out the hurtful things people have said and then as they forgive they can cover those with plaster and put the truth.

Materials Needed

- Big Paper
- Paint
- Paintbrushes
- Plaster Roll
- Pens
- Scissors
- Water Bottle

Activity

Today divide the teams into four and give them each a large piece of paper.

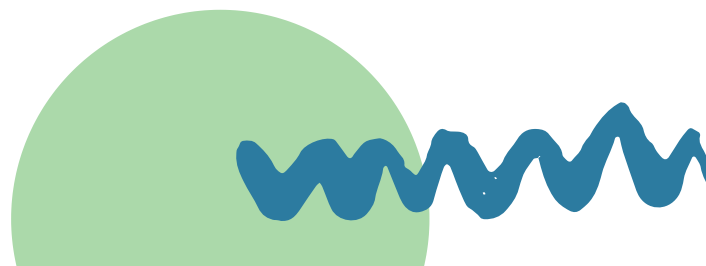
They need to trace one of their team mates and paint it.

After it is dry they can think of mean things people have said to them.

They need to write these on the body and then cut out plasters to stick over them to hide them.

Lastly they need to write positive and true things about themselves.

Explain that sometimes people will say nasty things but it's good to forgive and the wound will heal. You can help heal other's wounds by saying nice things about them and remembering the truth about yourself.



PUZZLE AND WORD

Lessons and objectives

Today the children will be creating words using their bodies and then put together a puzzle of a famous quote from Desmond Tutu.

Materials Needed

- Word envelopes
- Puzzle print out
- A4
- Glue Stick
- Scissors

Activity 1:

As a warm-up activity play spell the word: You divide the teams up into 4 or 5. When it is their turn give them a word that has the same number of letters as the people in the group and they have 60 seconds to make that letter with their bodies.



Activity 2:

Next the give the children two sheets with the puzzle pieces to cut out and they need to put them together and stick them down on a new page to make the quote from Desmond Tutu (the author of the book).

DESMOND TUTU

Lessons and objectives

Today the children will make a portrait for Desmond Tutu.

Materials Needed

- Portrait Print-out
- Clear glue
- Felt
- Scissors
- Pencil Crayons
- Cotton Wool

Introduction

Give each child a print out with the Desmond Tutu portraits. They can cut the page in half so they have two copies of the portrait.

One copy should be used to cut the shapes out for his clothes and trace onto the felt. Then cut the felt out. The purple is for his shirt and the dark blue / black is for his jacket.

They should colour-in the portrait and stick the felt on like in the picture below.

They should then paste on the cotton wool for his hair.

Finally they can create a background.

