

Pentecost Pause Day 2019 Notes

We are learning to understand the Holy Spirit as a helper from God who helps Christians with their behaviour. We are learning that Jesus wants Christians to show God's love to others. We are learning to show love to people in a variety of practical ways.



9:00 Register and give out coloured name labels

9:05 Assembly to introduce the day and sort children into groups

9:20 Every group perform the reflective story of God's Big Rescue Plan (an overview of the 'Big Story' of the whole Bible).

Follow up with a couple of wondering questions:

→ "How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus went back to Heaven?"

→ "How do you think that Jesus' leaving present of the Holy Spirit helped his friends?"

→ "What do you think a Christian would say is the most important part of the story? Why?"

Jesus gave his disciples one Great Command, he said: "Love one another as I have loved you."

Look at some Bible verses about love (printed on cards) - why do you think there are so many verses about love in the Bible? What can we learn from them? How can they influence our attitudes, behaviour and actions?

The Holy Spirit helps Christians to keep this commandment by:

→ helping them to know + feel what is right and wrong,

→ helping them to love other people and show God's love to them.

How can we show God's love to others so that they can learn about God from our actions?

Activity

10:30 Playtime

10:45 Teachers go to the playground to collect their next group.

Recap the Great Commandment and how the Holy Spirit helps Christians keep it.

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Activity

12:00 Lunchtime

1:05 Register in normal classes.

1:10 Everyone into the Hall to be sorted back into their groups.

1:20 Use powerpoint slides/big photo of the story to recap the big story.

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Activity

2:30 Back into the Hall for final assembly, with each group bringing something to show what they've learnt during their last session with a few children to explain it.

Link the day's learning to the Value of Fairness (with the skills of empathy and courage).

2:50 Back to own classes for hometime.

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." ~ **1 John 4:7-8**

"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world... This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to us." ~ **John 4:9-10**

Dear friends, because God loved us so much, we should also love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us." ~ **John 4:10-12**

"We know and can trust in the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God lives in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence." ~ **1 John 4:16-17**

Jesus said, "As Father God has loved me, so have I loved you. Now stay with me in my love. If you keep my rules, you will stay in my love, just as I have kept my Father's rules and stay in his love." ~ **John 15:9-10**

Jesus said, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Nobody has more love than someone who does kind and brave and generous things for their friends." ~ **John 15:12-13**

"Lord, you are a God who is kind and full of forgiveness, slow to get angry and overflowing with love that lasts forever." ~ **Psalms 86:15**

"Let love and faithfulness never leave you...Then both God and people will see that you are good and kind." ~ **Proverbs 3:3-4**

"Do everything in love." ~ **1 Corinthians 16:14**

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ died and came back to life for us. And we should do kind and brave and generous things for other people too. If anyone has lots of things and sees somebody in need but doesn't help them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words but with actions and in truth." ~ **1 John 3:16-18**

"And Jesus has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister." ~ **1 John 4:21**

"And over all the Values, put on love, which holds them all together in perfect unity." ~ **Colossians 3:14**