

PEACEFULNESS

1. As pupils enter

As the children enter display the images that symbolise peace and play your chosen song.

2. Introduction

Ask the children to look at the images and to see if they recognise any of them. What do they symbolise?

You could then show an image of a place you have visited that was 'peaceful' and explain why the place you have visited was a peaceful place as part of a discussion about what factors contribute to 'peacefulness'.

Explain that 'peacefulness' and the enjoyment of peace are important in the story that everyone is now going to watch...

3. Play the video

The duration is 3' 23". Final words: 'See you again soon.' / 'Bye!'

4. After the video - Time to talk

Lead a discussion about the story by asking the assembly the following questions:

- What happened and how did the man feel when he became rich? (He was busy and his life became noisy. He was unhappy.)
- How did he change his situation? (The children might describe the second and third wishes and that the man was peaceful again.)
- Do you think all people find peacefulness in the same ways?
- What makes you feel peaceful? How does your mind and body feel when you are peaceful?
- There is an old proverb that says 'The grass is always greener on the other side'. What do you think this means? Do you think it's true?

5. Opportunity to sing

An opportunity to sing your chosen song.

Video page



6. Opportunity to reflect

Let's think about some times when we have felt peaceful...

Maybe you can imagine a place where you feel peaceful or times when you have felt really comfortable with other people...

Maybe spending time with good friends or with family...

What is it about those times that helps you to feel peaceful..?

How and when will you be feeling peaceful today..?

7. Opportunity for prayer

Begin with your usual form of address ('Dear God', 'Let us pray', etc) and:

Thank you for stories that help us to think about peacefulness.

Help us to notice and enjoy the good things in our lives that help us to feel peaceful.

Thank you for places, people and things that bring joy in our lives. Amen.