

# HOSPITALITY

## 1. As pupils enter

Play your chosen music as the children enter and display the objects that show 'hospitality'.

## 2. Introduction

Ask the children what the objects or images make them think of. (They might talk about a party or celebration, or hosting a special guest). Ask the children if they could invite anybody in the world to their house for tea, who would they invite. Explain they can choose anyone in history or alive now. Gather some ideas from the children. Give an example yourself.

Explain that the story today tells us about somebody who shows hospitality in their home and that today we are thinking about the value of hospitality.

## 3. Play the video

The duration is 3' 19". Final words: 'We'll see you again soon. Bye!'

## 4. After the video - Time to talk

You could begin by asking the Video questions to aid pupils' recall of the events of the story. Then lead a discussion about 'hospitality' by asking:

- What does 'hospitality' mean? What does it mean to be 'hospitable'? (Children might say giving a visitor food and a place to stay; being friendly, kind and welcoming towards people.)
- How did Abraham show hospitality to the visitors? (The children might recall washing feet, giving food and a place to rest.)
- Do you think hospitality is an important value? Why?
- How do your family or people you know show hospitality? (There might be local examples that you could draw on or community organisations who are welcoming.)
- What effect does hospitality have on those who receive it? (Offering hospitality shows that we value the person that we approach with welcome and friendliness. Abraham and Sarah did not know their visitors, but they were hospitable anyway and this ended with them finding out a special message that they would have a child.)

## 5. Opportunity to sing

An opportunity to sing your chosen song.



## 6. Opportunity to reflect

*Now let's think for a while about what we've heard today...*

*Think quietly to yourself about people you know who are good at being welcoming... at offering a listening ear... at sharing with others... at helping...*

*Think about times when you - or perhaps your family - have offered hospitality to others...*

*What about our school community...*

*What ways can we show hospitality to the people who visit our school, so they know they are an important part of our community..?*

*Think of just one way that we could be more welcoming this week...*

## 7. Opportunity for prayer

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for all the people who offer hospitality in our community...*

*For organisations and charities that welcome people who might otherwise not feel welcome...*

*Help us all to find ways to be friendly and welcoming too.*

*Amen.*