

# Year 5

## God is Love 5 Weeks



### Resolving conflict through forgiveness and communication

#### Outcomes:

At the completion of the module students will understand that:

- Relationships between people may involve disagreements
- Barriers can develop between people through holding onto grudges
- Disagreements can be resolved through positive communication
- Breaking down barriers, or building bridges, can only be done when both sides co-operate: acknowledging wrong doing, saying sorry from one side and forgiveness from the other side
- Thoughtlessness, selfishness and lack of caring for others may cause conflict
- God wants us to extend love to those we might disagree with

#### Related classroom topics for Science, Social Studies and Health:

Communication

#### Link between “God is Love” and classroom topics:

Our God is a personal God who loves us and wants to communicate with us. We can communicate with Him through prayer. Good communication with others is important for good relationships.

#### Values

cultural understanding, empathy, appreciation of family and community, forgiveness and reconciliation

#### Biographies

Martin Luther King, John Flynn, Louis Braille

# God is Love

## Week 1

### Quarrels in a family

#### Bible references

Genesis 37: 1-35 Joseph's brothers were jealous of him. They sold him as a slave to some traders.

#### Introduction

Sometimes Mums and Dads might give something to one member of the family and not to another. Here's an example:

Your older brother or sister has grown out of their clothes. They get some new clothes and you don't. You have to wear the clothes that used to belong to your brother or sister.

How would you feel?

(Write a list of emotions, e.g. angry, annoyed, jealous)

What is the meaning of jealous?

How would God want us to react?

#### Bible lesson

For the next three weeks we are going to study the true story of a family in Old Testament times. Joseph and his family lived in the land of Canaan. (Point out Israel on a map.) Joseph's father's name was Jacob. Joseph had eleven brothers.

One night, Joseph dreamed a very strange dream. Joseph told his brother about the dream. "We were out in the field tying the wheat into bundles. Suddenly my bundle of wheat stood up straight. Then all of your bundles made a circle around mine and bowed down to it."

Joseph's brothers were angry. "Who do you think you are?" they said. "Do you think we are all going to bow down to you?"

Not long after, Joseph had another strange dream. This time he told his whole family about it.

"I dreamed that the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

The eleven brothers soon realized that they were the eleven stars, and Jacob could see that the sun and moon stood for himself and his wife.

"Surely Joseph doesn't think that we are going to treat him as the boss," said the brothers. "Do you really think that you will be more important than your parents?" Jacob asked Joseph.

But Jacob thought about the dream. Could it be God's way of telling Joseph that He had chosen him to be someone special in the family?

One day Jacob came looking for Joseph. He had a special job for him to do.

“Your older brothers have been away a long time,” he said. I’m worried about them. Please go and look for them and make sure they are safe.”

Joseph set off in the direction his brothers had gone. The brothers saw Joseph coming in the distance. They knew it was him because he was wearing a new coat of many colours that his father had given him.

“Look!” called one of them. “Here comes the dreamer!”  
We’ve got him on his own now. Why don’t we kill him while we have the chance? “

Reuben, the eldest son, tried to stop them. “We shouldn’t kill him,” he said. “Let’s just throw him down this dried-up well. That should teach him a lesson!”

As Joseph came nearer two of the biggest brothers grabbed him, while another brother ripped off his beautiful coat. Then they threw him into the deep well.

The brothers sat down to eat some food while poor Joseph called for help. Then the brothers saw a long line of camels coming towards them. Soon they could see that it was a party of traders, their camels loaded with spices. They would be going to Egypt to sell their goods.

“Why not sell Joseph to the traders?” one brother suggested. “We can sell ask the traders to sell him as a slave in Egypt, and earn ourselves a bit of money. They all agreed, except for Reuben who had gone away. While some of the brothers bargained with the traders, the others hauled Joseph up from the well. The traders agreed that he would fetch a good price in the slave market because he was healthy and strong.

Soon Reuben returned. He had been planning to rescue Joseph secretly and bring him back to Jacob. When he found that the well was empty he was horrified. Had his brothers killed Joseph? The brothers explained what they had done. Now they must decide what to tell their father.

They picked up Joseph’s fine coat, which they had ripped off him, and smeared it with goat’s blood. As soon as they reached home, they took the spoiled coat to Jacob. When Jacob saw the blood-stained coat he let out a great cry.

“A wild animal must have killed him,” he exclaimed. “My own dear son Joseph is dead! I shall never see him again! I shall mourn for him all my life!”

All this while, Joseph, tied securely with ropes, was being pushed and dragged along the road to Egypt. But God was still with him.

### **Discussion**

What special thing did Jacob give to Joseph?

How did the brothers feel about this?

What other things caused the brothers to dislike Joseph?

### **Two Brothers (Play reading)**

**John:** (*shouting*)

OK Who's put a great hole in my skateboard! (*John notices that there is a small chip in one side.*) You did it, didn't you! You always ruin my things!

**Ben:**

Why me? Maybe you did it yourself and you've only just noticed it.

**John:**

Fat chance! Don't you think I know what my own skateboard looks like? Don't expect to use anything of mine ever again.

**Ben:**

OK then. Don't expect to use anything of mine ever again either.

### **Discussion**

Think about three different possible endings:

- a) The boys don't speak to each other.
- b) The boys have a fight.
- c) The boys decide to forgive one another.

When two people have a fight, the bitterness and hatred they feel for one another continues until the trouble is settled. When people settle their differences and come into right relationship again, it is called RECONCILIATION. Reconciliation is making peace.

In the case of Joseph, how do you think he would be feeling towards his brothers?

We will find out over the next two weeks how God turned this terrible event into good, and how there was reconciliation.

# **God is Love**

## **Week 2**

### **God loves us and has a plan for us**

#### **God's plan for Joseph**

##### **Introduction**

Last week we heard about a family in Bible times that had big troubles.

Who was hated by his brothers?

Why was he hated by his brothers?

What did his brothers do to him?

What emotion is the opposite to hate?

How does God feel when people hate one another?

##### **Bible lesson**

Genesis 37:36, Genesis 39 and Genesis 41:1-58

##### **Joseph sold as a slave**

When the traders arrived in Egypt they took Joseph to the trade market where he was put up for sale. A man called Potiphar bought Joseph. He was an important officer of the king, in

charge of guarding the king's palace. Potiphar was happy with Joseph who was strong and healthy and worked hard. Joseph was also able to plan and organize work for himself, as well as obeying orders. He was honest and did not grumble or neglect his duties.

Potiphar soon made Joseph his own special servant and began to leave more and more of the running of the household to Joseph. Potiphar could tell that there was something special about this young man. It was because God was with Joseph, even though he was far away from his home and family. God helped Joseph do his work well and he was successful.

### **Joseph thrown into prison**

Joseph was a trusted servant, but soon he was in trouble again through no fault of his own. Potiphar's wife wanted Joseph to do something that was wrong, but Joseph would not listen to her. She became angry and told lies about Joseph. Potiphar believed the lies and ordered that Joseph be taken off to prison. His feet were put into chains and an iron collar was fixed around his neck. He was no longer the trusted slave. But God was with Joseph, even in the dark prison. He had not forgotten him, or the great plan he had for Joseph.

Two of the king's servants, a butler and a baker had been thrown into prison because the king was displeased with them. One night they both had dreams. They believed that their dreams had special meanings, but they did not know what the meaning was. They told Joseph about their dreams. The butler said, "I dreamed about a vine with three branches. First there were buds and then there were flowers, and then there were grapes on the vines. I had the king's cup in my hands. I squeezed the juice from the grapes into the cup and gave it to the king."

Joseph said, "This is the meaning of your dream. The three branches are three days. In three days the king will come to the prison and take you back to the palace and make you the king's butler again. You will give him his wine as you did before."

Then the baker told Joseph about his dream. He said, "In my dream I had three white baskets on my head, one on top of another. In the top basket were all kinds of baked goods for the king. But the birds came and ate the food from the basket on my head."

Then Joseph said, "This is the meaning of your dream, "In three days the king will come to the prison and kill you. Your body will be hung on a tree and the birds will come and eat your flesh."

Joseph then said to the butler, "When you go back to the palace, please be so kind as to remember me, and tell the king about me. Tell him that I have done nothing wrong and that I should be released from prison."

Joseph had given the correct meaning of the dreams. God had given him the wisdom and knowledge to interpret the dreams. The event happened exactly as Joseph said it would. The butler went back to serving the king's wine, but he forgot to tell the king about Joseph, until a whole year later when the king himself had a dream.

The king thought that this dream had special meaning but none of his advisors could explain it. Then the butler remembered that Joseph had a special ability to interpret dreams. He told the king about it. Joseph was brought before the king.

“I am told that you can explain dreams,” the king said.

“I cannot do so,” Joseph replied, “but God can.”

“In my dream,” said the king, “I saw seven fat cows coming up out of the river to feed on grass. Seven thin, bony cows stood beside them. The thin cows ate up the fat ones. After that I had another dream. I saw seven full, ripe ears of grain beside seven thin, withered ears of grain. The thin ears ate up the full ones. What do these dreams mean?”

God is telling you what is going to happen, so that you can be prepared,” Joseph explained. “The two dreams mean the same thing. There will be seven years of good crops, when everyone has plenty. But seven years of bad harvest will follow. The seven years when food is short will use up all the food grown in the seven good years. That is the meaning of your dream.”

### **Joseph is given a new position**

When the king of Egypt heard Joseph explain the dreams he was alarmed. But Joseph had something more to say.

“I believe that God has told me to tell you this: Choose one of your men and put him in charge of all food supplies. He can supervise the storage of grain during the good years, so there will be enough to feed everyone during the years when the crops fail. Then the people won’t starve.”

The king was pleased with Joseph and his wise advice. “*You* shall be that man!” he announced. “You have shown how wise you are, so I shall put you in charge of everything that needs to be done in the whole of Egypt. You shall be my new prime minister.”

On the king’s orders Joseph was given a fine chariot, servants of his own and fine clothes. Joseph had learned to trust God and to do his work well, as a slave and even when in prison. He set about his important duties in just the same way. He traveled all over Egypt. In every city he gave orders for huge storage buildings to be constructed for storing the grain.

Seven good years of harvest brought huge quantities of grain. Joseph arranged for it to be stored all over the country. Then came the bad years when no crops would grow. Joseph was busier than ever selling grain and seeing that it was fairly shared out.

### **Discussion: God’s special plan for us**

- How do we know that Joseph loved and served God? (He relied on God to interpret dreams. In order to do this we know that he was in communication with God.)
- What character qualities did Joseph show? (Make a list.)
- Obedience to God and good character made Joseph a good servant of God.
- When we give our lives to God and ask Him to guide our life, He has a special work for us to do. Joseph had a special work. What was it?

- God loves everyone and has a special plan for everyone. But it is only when we submit our lives to God that we see the outworking of that plan.
- It is a good idea to be praying about God's special plan for your life even when you are young. If you really love God and want to serve God He will show you what He wants you to do for Him.

# God is Love

## Week 3

### Reconciliation

#### **Bible references**

Genesis 42 – 46 Joseph

Matthew 5:21-23 Make peace with your brother.

Romans 5:9-10 Reconciliation with God.

#### **Introduction**

We have been learning about Joseph. This is a true story from history. Joseph was badly treated by his brothers. He was sold as a slave and ended up in prison in Egypt for doing nothing wrong at all. He could have been angry towards his brothers, angry towards God and angry towards the world. He could have been a grumpy, unhelpful and hateful person because of all that he experienced. But he trusted and obeyed God in the bad situation. Because he did this God was able to use him greatly. God gave him wisdom to interpret dreams. He was able to interpret the king's dreams, which were a warning from God to save food in the good years in order to have enough for the bad years. Joseph was put in charge of distributing the food in the bad years and the whole country of Egypt was saved.

## **Bible Lesson**

### **Food in Egypt**

It was not only the land of Egypt that was hit by the famine. Soon the people of the surrounding countries heard that there was grain to be bought in Egypt. They travelled to Joseph to ask if they could buy grain to take home.

Joseph's family lived in a neighbouring country called Canaan. They were hungry too. "I hear that they have grain to sell in Egypt," Jacob told his sons. "Go there and buy some food for us."

All the brothers set out, except for Benjamin. He was the youngest and very dear to Jacob.

As soon as the ten brothers entered the place where Joseph was organizing the distribution of grain, Joseph saw them and recognized them. But they did not recognize him. He was older now and dressed like an Egyptian.

"Where do you come from?" Joseph asked sternly. He spoke in Egyptian and a servant translated all that was said.

"From Canaan," they answered. "We have come to buy grain."

"I don't believe you," said Joseph. "I believe you are spies."

"No, we are honest men," they protested.

"Then tell me about yourselves," Joseph insisted.

"There were twelve of us, all brothers," they began, "but one brother is dead and the youngest brother is at home."

"Prove that you are telling the truth by bringing the youngest brother with you next time you come," he said. "I am going to keep one of you here as a hostage until you return."

Simeon was taken away and put into prison. The others were allowed to go back to Canaan with sacks full of grain. When they arrived home and opened the sacks they were horrified to find their own bags of money lying on top of the grain. They had been given back all that they had paid.

"Now we'll be accused of being thieves as well as spies," they cried.

They did not know that Joseph had told his servants to put the money there. He was trying to find out what kind of men his brothers had turned out to be.

Little by little their supply of Egyptian grain ran out and soon Jacob and his large family were hungry again. Jacob asked the nine brothers to go back to Egypt to buy more grain.

"But we must take Benjamin with us," they replied.

"No!" Jacob cried. "Joseph is dead, Simeon is in prison. You can't take Benjamin away."

"We shall all be out to death as spies if we don't," the brothers reasoned.

Then Judah, the one who had suggested selling Joseph as a slave so many years before, spoke up. "I promise on my life to take care of Benjamin," he said to Jacob.



Jacob agreed reluctantly and the eleven brothers left for Egypt. To their great relief they were kindly welcomed and shown to Joseph's house. When Joseph saw Benjamin he could hardly hold back the tears of joy. He ordered Simeon to be released and then invited them all to dinner. The brothers were relieved. When the brothers came to sit at the dinner table they were amazed to find that they had been placed in exact order of age. How could anyone have known their ages?

### **The missing cup**

The brothers bought their grain and headed home. But suddenly they saw a distant horseman speeding towards them. As he came nearer they recognized with sinking hearts that this was a servant of the governor of Egypt.

"How dare you steal my master's best silver cup?" he shouted as he drew level with them.

"We don't know what you mean," they protested. "We have stolen nothing. If any one of us has the cup you can put him to death and keep the rest of us as slaves."

The servant searched their baggage and opened their sacks of grain. The last sack he opened was Benjamin's. There, glinting in the sun was the silver cup. How terrible! They reloaded their donkeys and silently followed the servant back to Joseph. They didn't know that this was part of Joseph's plan to find out what his brothers were really like. When he heard the servant's report, Joseph said, "None but the guilty man shall be my slave." Then Judah stepped forward.

"If you keep Benjamin, my father will die of grief. Please keep me instead."

Joseph could see that his brothers were very different now. They were not the mean, heartless brothers that had sold him as a slave and made his father believe that he was dead. There were tears in his eyes. He could not keep the truth from them any longer.

"Go out of the room!" he told the servants. Then he spoke to his brothers in their own language. "I am Joseph," he told them, "your long-lost brother."

### **Reconciliation**

Now the brothers were afraid. The governor of Egypt was their brother who they had treated so badly many years before. Would he make them pay for what they had done? But no, Joseph told them to come close to him. Then he hugged and kissed them all in turn, beginning with Benjamin.

"Do not be afraid," he told them. "God has looked after me. He had a plan when he brought me here to Egypt. I have been able to save many lives. Now you must hurry back to fetch your father and our whole family. There are still five more years of the famine to come. I will see that you are settled in Goshen, where the pastures are good for your flocks."

The brothers returned home happily. "Joseph is still alive!" they called out to Jacob, "and he is governor of all of Egypt."

Old Jacob would not believe them until he saw the wonderful presents that Joseph had sent him. They gathered their flocks and herds together and begun the slow journey to Egypt, to settle in the land that Joseph was preparing for them.

### Discussion

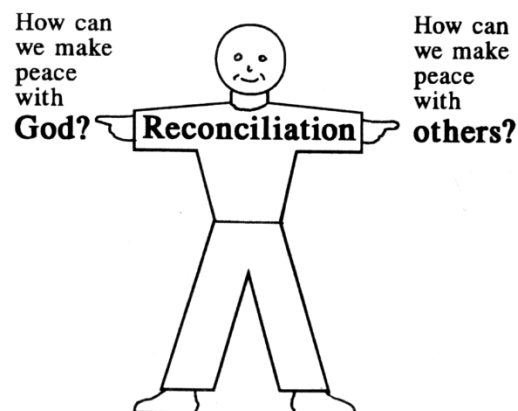
When two people have a fight or a disagreement, there is a communication breakdown. But when people forgive one another the communication can be restored. This is called 'reconciliation'.

How would you feel if you were Joseph?

You would think that the way the brothers treated him would cause Joseph to hate his brothers for the rest of his life. You would think that when the brothers came to Egypt to ask for their supply of grain he could have taken revenge. But Joseph didn't take revenge. He forgave his brothers instead. He wanted his whole family to come to be with him in Egypt. The family was reconciled. Joseph gave them the best land in Egypt and all the food they needed.

Read Romans 5:9-10

Because God is perfect, we can only be His friends if we are perfect. But no one is. So there's a problem. God solved this problem by sending His son to die for us. Through His death on the cross, Jesus took the sin of the whole world. But because God does not force anyone to love Him, only those who ask to be forgiven and made right with God can be friends with God. Once we were enemies of God because of our sin, but He forgave us and made us His friends. This is also reconciliation.



## Prayer

Ask the students to pray silently for a few moments. Ask them to think of anyone who has done wrong towards them. Ask them to tell God about it and ask God to help them to love that person.

If anyone wants to ask God to forgive them and become His friend they can also pray for this.

# God is Love

## Week 4

### Be a peacemaker

#### Bible references

Mark 9:50; 1 Thessalonians 5:13 Peace with one another

Psalm 2; Ephesians 2:22; Romans 10:12-21 Peace for nations

Romans 12:17 Don't repay evil for evil.

Romans 12:18-21 Don't take revenge.

Matthew 5:38-42 Don't fight back.

Matthew 5:43-48 Love your enemies.

Matthew 26:50-56; Luke 23:34 Jesus set the example.

Matthew 5:9 Happy are those who work for peace; God will call them His children!

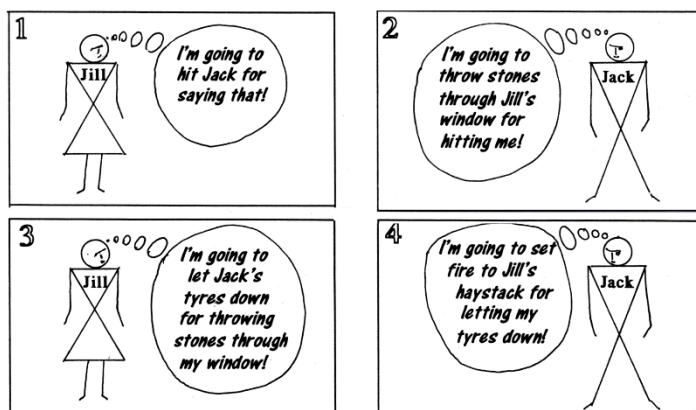
#### Bible lesson

Discuss the Old Testament saying, "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth." (Matthew 5:38)

Why do you think Jesus set a new example? (Matthew 5:39-40)

Which is harder to practice: the old way or the new way?

An eye for an eye is the same as taking revenge. Taking revenge only makes a problem into a bigger problem. Forgiveness is the better way.



Read Matthew 5:43-44. If we find it hard to love our enemies, then there is something we can do to help. Find it in verse 44.

How did Jesus put His own words into practice at His crucifixion and the time leading up to it?  
Luke 23:34 Jesus forgave His enemies.

### **Jesus told Peter not to fight back**

Read the passage from Matthew 26: 50-56 where Jesus told Peter to put away his sword.

How did Peter feel about Jesus being taken away?

Did he have a right to be angry?

What did Jesus tell him to do?

### **True story: Martin Luther King**

Martin Luther King was the minister of a Baptist church in Alabama, U.S.A. He was a Negro, also called an Afro-American. He was one of the dark-skinned people living in the USA. Up until the 1960s the dark-skinned people who lived in the USA could not:

- Sit on the seats in buses if white people were standing
- Go to the same schools as white people
- Play in the same parks as white people
- Eat in the same restaurants as white people

One evening in 1955, a bus in Montgomery, Alabama stopped for passengers. Six white people got on. There were no seats left, so the driver asked some Negroes to stand. Several got up but Mrs. Rosa Parks didn't. She was arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white person. Although not the first incident of its kind, it stirred King and some others into action. Martin Luther King believed that he must take action against injustice in a non-violent way. Overnight the word got around among the Negroes in all parts of the city. Martin Luther King asked all Negroes not to travel by bus next Monday. The people walked to work instead and some rode on mules or horses. That evening a meeting was held in one of the city's churches. Thousands gathered outside. It was decided that they would do this until the laws were changed.

This was the beginning of a campaign. King delivered a speech which explained how the campaign would be run.

He told the crowd that love must be their ideal. 'Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, and pray for them that despitefully use you.' He believed that if they failed to do that, their protest would be meaningless, and only bring shame upon themselves. He told the people that in spite of the mistreatment they had received, they must not become bitter, and end up hating white people.

When the Afro-Americans refused to travel on the buses in Montgomery, but didn't fight about it, they were starting something new for America. They were seeking freedom for Afro-Americans by non-violence. They decided that even if they were arrested and punched or kicked or hurt, they would not punch back, kick back, or hurt anyone who hurts them. Through their courage, more and more Afro-Americans and white people became aware of the way dark-skinned people were being treated and how unfair it was to behave like this towards other people just because of the colour of their skin.

The campaign continued for over a year. As they were met with violence, King continually reminded the people of their non-violent stand. One night King's house was bombed while he was at a meeting. He spoke to the crowd who gathered at the scene. After assuring them that his wife and baby were alright, he told them to go home and to put down their weapons. He reminded them that the problem could not be solved through retaliatory violence. Remember the words of Jesus, he said: 'He who lives by the sword will perish by the sword.' King told the people again that they must love their white brothers no matter what they did to the Negroes. He believed that meeting hate with love was the only way.

Many times Martin Luther King was put in jail. Often his life was in danger but he wasn't afraid. He was sure God was saying to him, "Stand for truth, stand for righteousness; I am with you."

Martin Luther King's life came to an end on April 4<sup>th</sup> 1968 when he was shot.

Just before his death, Martin Luther King said:  
*"I still have a dream today,  
 That one day war will come to an end,  
 That men will beat their swords into ploughshares  
 And their spears into pruning hooks...  
 With this faith we will be able to speed up the day  
 When there will be peace on earth  
 And goodwill towards men.  
 It will be a glorious day  
 The morning stars will sing together  
 And the sons of God will shout for joy."*

Just before Jesus died, He said:  
*"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Luke 23:34*

**Discussion**

1. Why was Rosa Parks arrested?
2. What does this tell us about the laws in the U.S.A. at the time?
3. If you were a black person, how would you feel?
4. How COULD you show your anger if this sort of thing happened to you?
5. How did Martin Luther King stand against the injustice without violence?
6. King told his people that they must not hate white people, even though white people had mistreated them. Although we may hate the things people *do*, it is wrong to hate people. What did Jesus say about this? Find 3 words. (LOVE YOUR ENEMIES)

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### **Act it out**

Work in pairs/groups to make up a drama sketch about loving your enemies.

EXAMPLE:

#### **Scene 1**

Samuel is captain of the class cricket team and will never let David have a bat because he says David is not good at cricket.

#### **Scene 2**

David brings a bag of marbles to school and organises a game. He shares out the marbles, allowing Samuel to join in the game.

### **The prayer of St. Francis of Assisi**

Lord, use me to make peace.

Where there is hate, let me plant love;

Where there is hurt, let me plant forgiveness;

Where people are without hope, let me plant hope;

Where there is darkness, let me plant light;

And where there is sadness, let me plant happiness.

### **Love your neighbour**

When Jesus said, "Love your neighbour as yourself," he wasn't just talking about loving those in our group or those with the same cultural background. He meant *everyone*. He used the story of the Good Samaritan to show that we must treat everyone with love, even those who are from a different country, even those who are not in our particular cultural group. To *not* love and accept others is prejudice. A peacemaker does not support prejudice but welcomes and accepts those who are not in their group.

# God is Love

## Week 5

### Barriers

#### Bible references

Romans 3:23; 5:8; 6:23 When people sin they are separated from God. Sin makes a barrier between people and God.

Colossians 1:20 Christ's death on the cross broke the barrier.

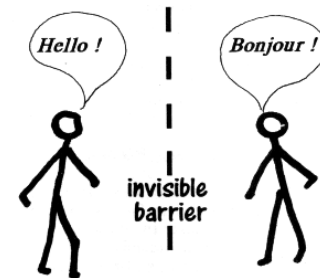
Ephesians 2:14 He is our peace...He has broken down the wall.

Romans 5:1; 1 John 1:9 If we ask Jesus to forgive us, and if we have faith in God, we can have peace with God.

#### Discussion: Barriers

Make a list of as many different kinds of barriers as you can think of. (Some examples would be walls, fences, road-blocks, and railway gates.) Try to find pictures of some of these.

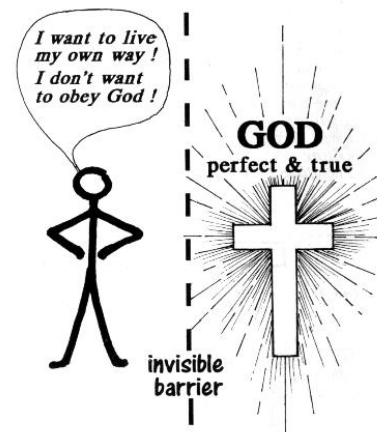
Sometimes barriers can be invisible. When two people speak different languages we say that there is a language barrier between them because they cannot communicate.



When two people hate each other we can also say there is a barrier between them. Because they hate each other they may decide not to communicate.



When people do wrong things and live only for themselves, an invisible barrier is placed between people and God.



#### Bible lesson: The Beginning of Sin

Read Genesis 3:1-14; 3:17, 23 & 24.

What was the invisible barrier that came between the man, the woman, and God?

What did it mean for them?

How did it change their lives?

### **Activity**

#### **Teacher's preparation**

Take a large sheet of paper and cover it with signs and pictures which explain the invisible barrier between people and God, e.g.

- I hate him
- fighting
- jealousy
- I don't want anything to do with God
- stealing
- I will do my own thing
- killing
- The Bible isn't true

Discuss the signs with the students.

#### **Student activity**

Take another large sheet of paper. Draw a large cross on the sheet of paper. Ask the students to make some paper signs, cut them out and glue them on the cross:

The following could be written on the board for children to choose from:

- Thank you Jesus, for dying for me
- Jesus broke down the barrier of sin
- I am forgiven
- Jesus loves me
- Jesus died for my sin

#### **Now the climax**

Display the two sheets of paper and select some students to rip up the first sheet of paper. Explain that this is what happens when people accept Jesus into their lives and ask Him to break the barrier of sin.