

God is Love Teacher's Topic Guide Year 7

Topic: Fiji's history and Culture

Duration: 5 weeks

Spiritual Awareness:

God's love embraces all cultures. As Christians, we are commanded to love our neighbour. This extends beyond the person living next door. As in the story of the Good Samaritan, kindness to our neighbour may mean showing compassion to someone culturally different.

The true meaning of 'loving our neighbour' is to show personal interest and appreciation, and to extend God's love to them.

Our response to 'God is Love'

Because God is a love I will...

- Love God
- Share God's love with others
- Thank Him for the love that He has shown towards Fiji
- Appreciate the great sacrifice made by the early missionaries in sharing the Gospel

Spiritual Awareness: God loves everyone equally

Our response to 'God is Love'

Because God is patient and kind, I will...

- Love God and others
- Show kindness and patience
- Extend friendship to anyone who may be lonely or left out of the group
- Extend God's love to people of different cultures

Bible stories and passages

Luke 10:25-38 The Good Samaritan

Mark 10:13-16 Jesus loves all the children of the world

Luke 10:27; Matthew 22:39 Love the Lord with all your heart...and your neighbour as yourself.

Romans 3:19-26 People could not be made right with God by following the law, so God made another way, so that all nations would have opportunity to come to Him.

James 2:1-9 Warning against prejudice.

Acts 10:34-36 The gospel for all nations

Acts 16:6-10 Taking the gospel to the nations

Bible verses

1 Corinthians 13:14 Love is patient and kind.

Acts 10:34 God treats everyone on the same basis.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world...

John 13:34 A new commandment...love one another.

John 15:17 This is my commandment that you love one another.

John 15:13 The greatest love

1 John 4:16 God is love.

Psalm 136 Give thanks to the Lord, His love endures forever.

Psalm 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

Outcomes

Students will

Knowledge

- gain an understanding of Fiji's history and geography
- explain the Indenture system
- gain an understanding of the cultures and religions of the various people groups of Fiji
- appreciate feelings and problems of minority groups
- experience aspects of different cultures
- study the history of the coups in Fiji
- study Fijian foods from nature
- realize that God loves everyone equally and wants everyone to come to know Him through His Son

Skills

- research
- collect and organize items for display
- develop map skills

Values

- appreciate other cultures
- socially include students from other cultures
- be thankful for all that God has provided
- share God's love with others

Activities

- Research history, geography of Fiji.
- Draw a map and mark in cities, rivers, seas and geographical features
- Take a survey to find out different ethnic roots of class members. Record results.
- Find out the history of each ethnic group; how they came to Fiji
- Invite visitors to teach a cultural skill such as cooking or a craft.
- Find out which languages are spoken in Fiji and learn to say a few phrases in these languages.
- Experience aspects of different cultures within Fiji, e.g. food, art, music.
- Mark on a world map the countries of origin of people living in Fiji
- Discuss the problems people face when they migrate to a new country; the problems the Indians faced when arriving in Fiji as part of the Indenture system.
- Research and present a report on India today, e.g. major cities, rivers, social structure, religion, major industries, flora and fauna.
- Study the work of missionaries who showed God's love to the Indians of Fiji

Assessment

1. Present a project on culture of a Fijian people group other than your own.
2. What have I learned from the study of different cultures...
 - about God? about doing what God wants me to do? about the Bible?

Biography: Hannah Dudley, Pandita of India, Amy Carmichael

Values education Year 7

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Forgiveness

God wants us to forgive others as He has forgiven us.

Forgiveness is...

- giving a person another chance, even if they have hurt me
- not wanting to pay someone back for the wrong things they have done to me
- being kind to those who have hurt me
- not reminding myself or the other person of the wrong things they have done to me

Activities

1. When Jesus died He said, "*Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.*" What wrong things did people do to Jesus?
2. Sometimes we find it hardest to forgive people in our own family, because they might keep hurting us over and over again. Why does Jesus want us to keep on forgiving?
3. Write about a time when you forgave someone in your family.
4. Do you think you should forgive a person even when they don't say sorry? Why?
5. How can it help YOU when you forgive someone?
6. What should we do in these situations?
 - a) Someone teases you because of the way you look
 - b) Someone damages your property
 - c) Someone borrows something of yours and then loses it.

What does the Bible say about forgiveness?

Ephesians 4:32 Forgive one another as God has forgiven you.

Matthew 18:21-35 The parable of the king's servant.

Luke 15:11-32 The son who left home.

Art Year 7

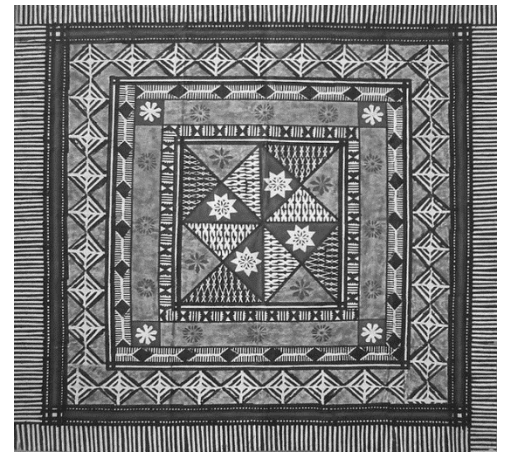
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Fiji: history, geography & culture

Biblical Wall art and text: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Psalm 33:12

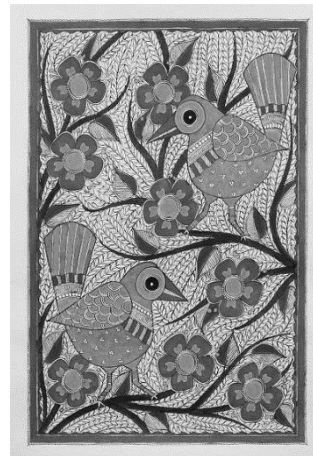
Traditional art of Fiji

Arrange an excursion to the museum or a traditional arts/crafts market. Students can take notes and make sketches to use as inspiration for creating their own traditional Fijian art.



Traditional art of India

Compare colours, designs and subject matter of the traditional art of both cultures.

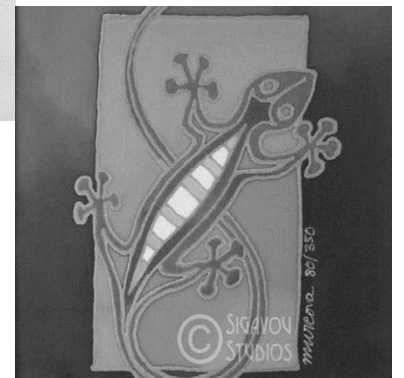


Contemporary art of Fiji

Look at the work of some contemporary Fijian artists and students can create a work of art that depicts Fiji, but in a contemporary style.

Fabrics and fashion

Design cloths in the Fijian and Indian styles.



Thinking Skills

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Fiji's history & culture 1

Find 10 symbols representing Fiji.



Fiji's history & culture 2

Guess and write the meaning of the 5 symbols



Fiji's history and culture 3

What could this symbol mean in relation to Fiji.



Fiji's history and culture 4

List 5 ingredients you would NEVER find in a traditional Indian recipe.

Fiji history and culture 5

Create a recipe using:

- A coconut
- A mango
- Dalo

Fiji history and culture 6

What if...

All cash disappeared from Fiji. What consequences would there be?

