

Character Program

Year 6

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Love

Joyfulness

We can show our love towards others by giving away our joy and making others happy.

Joy is...

- celebration
- true long-lasting happiness
- being able to carry on when things don't go right
- encouraging others
- a smile

Activities

1. Make a list of things that give you joy.
2. Make a bright colourful piece of artwork, or a card, to give away to someone.
3. Make a list of ways in which you can give joy to others this week.

Questions

1. In order to give joy to others, what do you need yourself?
2. What makes you feel joyful?
3. Which colours make you feel joyful?
4. If your best friend is feeling sad, what could you do to cheer them up?

From the Bible:

- Galatians 5:22-23 Joy is a fruit of the Spirit.
- Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lords always.
- Psalm 95:1-5 Let us sing for joy to the Lord.
- Psalm 100 Shout for joy to the Lord.
- Psalm 147:1 & 7 How good it is to sing praises to our God.
- Psalm 149 Sing to the Lord a new song.
- Psalm 150 Praise the Lord with dancing.
- Thessalonians 5:16 Be joyful always.
- Acts 16:23-26 Paul and Silas in jail. How do we know they had joy, even though they were going through a bad experience? (Acts 16:23-26)



Provision

Stewardship

Stewardship is...

- looking after the things we are given
- looking after the things we own
- looking after God's creation
- looking after our own bodies

Looking after your things

What things do you own that are of value?

How did you get them?

Why should we look after them?

Looking after our school and community

Looking after our home, school or community environment is having 'pride' in our place. You might think that 'pride' is a bad thing. Pride is bad when you are proud of yourself and think you are better than everyone else; when you look down on others and think of your own importance. However, having pride in our home, school and community is different. This is a good thing because it is another way of saying we want to look after these places that belong to us. We do not want to see it littered or damaged. We want to help to make these places better.

Looking after our world

Discuss some of these questions:

How is our world different today more polluted or damaged than it was thousands of years ago?

Why is the world far from perfect?

Why should we care about the environment?

What can we do to safeguard the creation?

Activity

Divide a piece of paper into two halves. On one side draw 'the world as it should be'; on the other side draw 'the world as it shouldn't be (but is)'.

From the Bible:

Psalms 24:1 The earth is the Lord's

Psalms 8 This Psalm is about looking after the environment.



Purity

Responsibility

Responsibility is...

- Being willing to be accountable for your behavior
- Acting in a mature way
- Being in charge of a person, a group of people, or material things

Being responsible is a sign of maturity. Parenting requires a great amount of responsibility. A baby depends on its parents to care for it in a responsible way. To be away from the baby, the parents will have to organize a baby sitter.

A responsible person...

- does whatever they agree to do. They follow through on their commitments.
- answers for their own actions. They don't make excuses or blame others for what they do. They accept their responsibility of being in charge.
- takes care of their own matters. They don't rely on others to remind them when they are supposed to be somewhere or what they are supposed to bring.
- is trustworthy. If somebody lends them something, that person knows it will be taken care of, and returned.
- makes good judgments, wise decisions and wise choices.
- doesn't put things off. When they have a job to do, they do it.

Activities

1. Make a list of jobs a responsible parent has to do when caring for their baby.
2. Make a list of responsibilities YOU have in your life at the moment.
3. Make a list of things you could improve on to become a more responsible person.

From the Bible:

Luke 16:1-10 The parable of the dishonest manager



Creation

Creativity

God is an amazing creator. He wants us to be creative too. We can look for new and better ways of doing things.

Creativity is...

- using the talents I have been given
- inventing new things
- coming up with new ideas
- making things

God has created you as a unique being. Nobody is exactly like you or has your special combination of talents.

Activities

1. Imagine that you are marooned on a desert island. You have your sailboat, which has been washed ashore. There are a few provisions... a bag of rice, a packet of matches, a water bottle and a tin of baked beans. Describe how you would survive for a week, as you wait for your rescuers to find you.
2. Devise some new and interesting ideas for spending a one-week holiday at home. Make a plan and show what you will do each day.
3. Design something original. It can be a piece of art, an article of clothing, a building, a playground or a new food dish.
4. Imagine that you are an inventor and a problem solver. You have to come up with ideas for improving life on Planet Earth. Choose 3 of these areas: environment, technology, education, medicine, transport, housing, entertainment

From the Bible:

Psalm 139 Each person is unique

Isaiah 43:19 See, I am doing a new thing



Wisdom

Planning ahead

Wisdom is ...

- being organized with your affairs
- planning ahead

Discussion

Think about ways in which you would prepare for these things:

a) a family holiday

Make a list of the things you would need...

- for a summer camping holiday by the beach.
- for a holiday in the snow.

b) different kinds of weather

How do people prepare for bushfires? droughts? hot sun? floods? cold weather? snow?

c) earthquakes

How do people measure the likelihood of an earthquake in a particular area? How do people prepare for it? What precautions would be taken by town planners? What kind of buildings might be chosen in earthquake prone areas? How might an earthquake drill be carried out in a school? What preparations would be made by emergency services?

In order to prepare for the future we need to think ahead. Thinking ahead is being wise and responsible. It is opposite to being lazy. Laziness prevents us from being aware of the future. Can you think of ways in which you can be wise and responsible around the home?

From the Bible:

Proverbs 19:15 Laziness makes us sleepy.

Proverbs 6:6 The wisdom of the ant.

Proverbs 19:5 Warning against laziness

Matthew 6:19-21 Wisdom in storing up heavenly treasure.



Serving Enthusiasm

Enthusiasm is ...

- having a positive attitude about the things you do
- not looking on the bad side of things
- putting all your energy into the job you are doing
- doing your tasks with energy and joy

To be good at something we need to put all our energy into it.

We need to get on with the job with a cheerful attitude. This can inspire the people around us to do the same.

Activities

1. Who do you know that is enthusiastic about the job they do?
2. How can enthusiasm make a sports team play better?
3. How can enthusiasm help people get a job done better?
4. Make a list of some of the things you are enthusiastic about.

From the Bible:

Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might.

Philippians 2:14 Do all things without grumbling or complaining



Protection

Peace

Peace is ...

A calm feeling inside, no matter what is going on outside

Activity

Story: The Two Artists

Once upon a time there were two artists. Each artist was asked to paint a picture that would best depict the idea of peace.

One artist painted a crystal clear lake in the mountains. There was not a breath of wind, and not a ripple on the lake. The lake, like a mirror, reflected the image of the surrounding trees and mountains.

The second artist painted a picture of a roaring waterfall. Hanging over the waterfall was a great tree branch. Hidden away in a secure part of the limb was a little bird's nest. Inside the nest was a tiny bird, sitting peacefully as the water rushed and swirled below her and the water sprayed around her. Amidst the tremendous roar of the waterfall the little bird sat as if she had not a worry in the world. Her nest was snug and warm, nestled in the strong branch. She knew she was safe.

Discussion

1. Which picture do you think gave the best idea of peace? Why?
2. What kind of troubles can we have?
3. What can give us a feeling of peace when we are in the middle of troubles?

The second painting can be similar to feeling safe and secure in God's care. God doesn't promise that we will be free from all troubles, but He does promise that when we do have troubles, He will be with us, and can give us peace inside.

From the Bible:

John 16:33 In the world we have troubles but in Christ we have peace.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 God comforts us in times of trouble.

Matthew 11:28 Come to me all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. (GNB)



Truth

Fairness

Fairness is ...

- Treating everyone as they should be treated
- Not favouring one person over another

Activity

Say whether these situations are fair or not fair:

- Giving prizes to all girls who did well in exams, but not giving prizes to the boys.
- Giving detention to a student who spoke disrespectfully to a teacher
- Only allowing people who have passed a driver's test to drive a car
- Only allowing people who are well-dressed to come to church
- Sending a student home for not wearing school uniform
- Only allowing people born in your country to play on a national football team
- Not allowing smoking in restaurants

From the Bible:

Romans 2:11 God has no favourites.

James 2:1-26 This passage speaks against showing favouritism to the rich above the poor.

