

Classroom Collective Worship	Theme: Reconciliation
Year: Foundation	Time of Year: Advent/Lent
Main Focus: Gather <input type="checkbox"/> Word <input type="checkbox"/> Symbolic Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mission <input type="checkbox"/>	

Essential Resources:

- A large envelope with a smiling face on one side and an unhappy face on the other. The envelope should contain 5 pieces of paper with the letters written on them

- Candle

Gather

Sit the children so that they are facing the teacher.

Light a candle and settle the class quietly and ask them to think about a time when they have hurt someone - by actions or/and words - perhaps at home, in class or when they've been playing.

After a few moments teacher says, "I made someone unhappy when I..."

Ask children if they'd like to share their thoughts. Try to keep a peaceful atmosphere by encouraging children to put their hands up. Choose 4/5 children.

Say, "Today we are going to think about a special word we say when we've hurt someone. Look carefully."

Symbolic Action

Hold up envelope and show unhappy face. Take out one letter at a time, saying:

"S is for 'say': we have to say this word out loud."

"O is for 'other': we have to think about what other people want to do."

"R is for 'remember': we have to remember to try not to do it again."

"R is for 'remember': we remember that God always loves us and will help us."

"Y is for 'you': you will then be happy."

"Look at the word - it says 'sorry'. We say sorry when we've hurt someone and made someone sad. (Hold up envelope showing unhappy face and turn it around to show smiling face as you say) Saying sorry is a start to making someone happy." Ask the children to say sorry to God for e.g. making that person unhappy.

Word

Prayer: Sometimes we get things wrong,

Sometimes we get things right.

Right or wrong,

You God carry on loving us.

Go Forth

To remember to say we are sorry today.

NB: This could be used on a regular basis whereby the focus would change from symbolic action to perhaps WORD - the children's own prayers.