

Peter's dream

Week 5

Theme: Everyone is included in God's love.

On arrival: Get the children to write their names on the back of different coloured shapes. When they have done this, get them to put the shapes into piles according to shape and colour.

Games: Play at least one of these games before starting Kingsquad today.

Four corners: Three corners of the room are numbered 1 to 3. A leader stands in the middle with their eyes closed and counts to 10. By the time the leader has counted to 10 the others have to have chosen a corner to stand in. The leader then calls out 1,2or 3. Whoever is in that corner has to go to the spare corner and miss a turn.

The sun only shines on: The children sit on chairs in a circle facing inwards. Have one less chair than children. A leader stands in the middle and says "The sun only shines on those who...", and picks a category e.g. "...who's wearing...", "...who like..." etc. Everyone to whom this category applies has to stand up and moves to another chair. The child left standing has to miss the next turn. Swap this child with the one left standing in the next go and so on.

Outsider tag: Get the children to stand in a circle facing inwards. Get one child to be the outsider and walk round the outside and tap another child on the shoulder. The two then run in opposite directions around the circle back to the open space. The last one back is then the outsider.

Introduction: Ask the children how it felt to be called the outsider or to have to sit out a turn when everyone else was playing.

Story: Acts 10 verses 1-35. This could be acted out by the children.

Memory Verse: "God treats everyone on the same basis." Acts 10 verse 34b. Print out on card in team colours and hide them around the room for the teams to find.

Application: In the time of the early church, the Jews and the gentiles were separated and this wasn't very nice; it felt a bit like when we missed a go when we played earlier. It's not nice to be left out. God doesn't want anybody to feel left out and that is why he gave Peter the dream so he could tell everyone that God loves us all the same, because what was true then is true today. God really does love you, whoever you are.

Prayer: On a large piece of card write the words "*Thank you, God, for loving us all the same. Amen*". Before the children take it in turn as usual to say their prayers, hand back the shapes with their names on and tell them God doesn't sort us by shape and colour. When they have finished saying their prayers, ask them to stick their shapes to the card so they can read their names. The leader then starts by saying "God loves...", the children then read out their names together. When all the names have been read, get the children to read the prayer on the card.

Song: 'God's love is big' (Great Big God 3 – Track 1)
or

'Oi, oi, we are gonna praise the Lord' (We want to see Jesus lifted high / King of Worship CD – Track 3)

Resources: Shapes and fun sheet.

