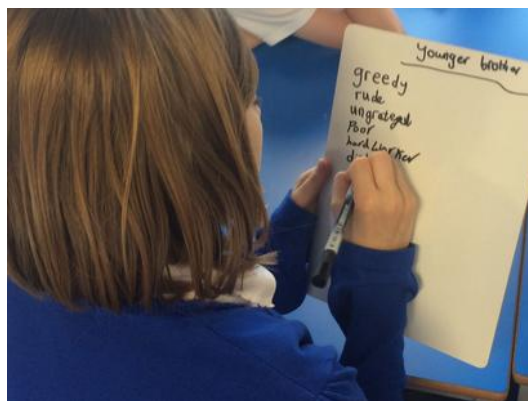


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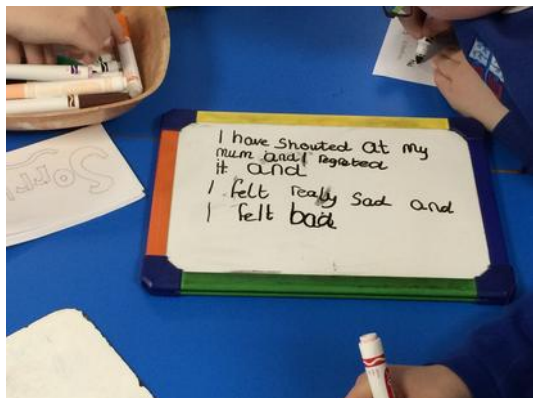
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Prodigal Son

We explored this story with children in Primary 5-7. Two sessions were focussed on the story itself, encouraging the kids to investigate the characters and what they thought were the messages from the story. What is God trying to teach Christians through it? We looked at some Bible words - sin, repentance, forgiveness, restoration - and once we'd learnt what they meant we tried to identify them in the story. The focus changed slightly for the third session. Does this story have anything to teach or help us? We thought about times we'd done something wrong, people we need to forgive and how when we say sorry we could prove it by changing our behaviour.



"The discussions were exciting. I liked hearing what other people were thinking"



"I learned that you should forgive people"

"Although I have known the story of the Prodigal Son for most of my life I now have a much greater understanding of it. It was beneficial for me to see you delivering the lessons and activities and I would now be quite confident to use the materials again. It has also given me ideas for future lessons. I will be looking at the materials currently available on your website and I think I will be able to use them more confidently." (Teacher)

"I was asked to work with you and I wasn't sure about it. I thought RME was going to be boring. But this has been brilliant." (Teacher)



Opportunities opening up across the city.

It's been exciting to see God opening up opportunities for the project to expand across the city.

A church schools worker from the St Machar area came to join some of our sessions in Forehill School with the plan that she will go back to her local schools and start using our material to help them with their RME teaching.

One of the Middleton Park staff I have previously worked with has moved to Kingswells school. She asked me to come and work with some of their classes teaching them about Harvest. I was then asked back to teach the Christmas Story to their Primary 2's. They next asked me if I could teach RME to the whole school! They are developing their outdoor learning and loved how we take our Bible Stories outside. I said no to teaching the whole school! But will work with some staff this term taking David and Goliath outside. This will involve a training session with the teachers, modelling the lessons with some classes and hopefully working with their local chaplains.

Christmas

The training event for teachers on the Christmas Story was well attended with over 20 teachers from across the city. They gave really positive feedback and left with lots of ideas to put into practise so they could teach the Christmas Story to their own classes.

One of my favourite Christmas moments was telling the story outside to a P5/6 class, we raced in teams to create objects and characters from the story using only natural objects.

Another lovely moment was following the stars with nursery children as we heard about the Wise Men.

Prayer Points:

Give thanks for the positive feedback from staff. Pray they put all their wonderful cross curricular ideas into practise.

Pray for great sessions as we teach David and Goliath and the Good Samaritan this term.

Pray for God to provide more people to work with classes in our local BOD schools.

Praise God for the opportunities opening up across the city. Pray other chaplains and schools workers will want to learn about the project. Pray for how best to train and encourage other chaplains.

Praise God for the opportunities we have to share our project on social media. Pray for time, inspiration and wisdom as we do this. Pray for the website, that we know how to best develop it and have the skills to do so.

Praise God for his financial provision. Pray we would quickly find the remainder of the funding.

Pray for an easiness to writing up the resources, that teachers would contribute willingly.

Pray for God's protection of our project.

Funding

We now only need £3,440 to have the total amount to fund the project for 3 years (£35,000). This is absolutely fantastic, we are so grateful to God for his provision. A huge thank you to those in our church family who have given a donation. If you would like to give please speak to Sue or a member of the finance team. Thank you.

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