

Collective worship



Bible link: Samuel 16: 7
Biblical value: Respect
Key idea: What's on the inside matters



Pupil involvement

Before the assembly, prepare two gifts. One in a large box with fancy wrapping paper and the other in a small, dull, crumpled package (alternatively, you could look at the two packages on slide 3 of the PowerPoint). Ask the children to describe the differences between each parcel e.g. one is big, the other small, one is colourful, the other dull, one is neat, the other is crumpled. Which parcel do they like the best? Ask for a show of hands as to which one they would choose to open. Explain that both parcels are different and unique on the outside. We have used this to decide which one is the best but we don't know what is inside yet! Sometimes people can judge others on how they look on the outside: their clothes, their hairstyle, how tall or short they are, but by doing this, you might miss out on knowing who somebody really is and their wonderful, unique personality!

Pupil talk

- What do you like about yourself?
- Do you think how you look on the outside, tells people what you are like on the inside?
- Have you ever avoided somebody because of the way they looked? Has anyone ever done this to you?

Think

Danielle Webb, who is 23 and lives with dwarfism, recently wrote a book and regularly visits schools to help educate others about her condition in a bid to stamp out prejudice. Danielle's book, 'Mummy, there's a new girl', tells the story of a girl who is picked on for her looks before a brave child looks past her differences and learns that size is no big deal.

In the Bible, there is a story about a boy called David, who God chose to become the next king of Israel. God told the prophet, Samuel, to go to the home of Jesse in Bethlehem because one of his sons would become the next king of Israel. Jesse's sons all looked like they would make good future kings. God said 'People look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.' David, Jesse's youngest son, was out looking after sheep at the time. God chose him as the future king.

Invitation prayer

Dear God,
Thank you that we are all unique.
Help us see how special we are.
Help us to look beyond the outward appearance and see others as you do.
Amen

Key stage 1 class discussion

- How well do you know the people sitting around you? Do you know their interests, their favourite things, who is in their family?
- Can you talk to somebody in your class and learn something new about them?
- Can you describe what you are like on the inside?

Key stage 2 class discussion

- Have you ever taken the time to get to know someone and your opinion of them has changed?
- Have you ever changed the way you look? Perhaps the way you dressed or wore your hair?
- Do you think there are times when the way we look on the outside matters?

Worship song

When I needed a neighbour



God



Creation



Fall



People of God



Incarnation



Gospel



Salvation



Kingdom of God