

Journey 3

Who Am I?

Jesus goes to Caesarea Philippi

Preamble

This is the third of five assemblies on journeys.

The stimulus for this assembly is on the journey of Jesus to Caesarea Philippi

The assembly explores the theme of who am I?

Preparation

Appropriate clothes for telling the story

Obtain copy of Fischy Music song: "" from "I Wonder Why" album

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Rationale	The stimulus for this assembly is the story of Jesus questioning his disciples at Caesarea Philippi.
Title	Who am I?
Aims	To help pupils reflect on whom they think they are.
Stage	P 1 - 7
Objectives	1] At the end of this pupils will have experienced sense of otherness. 2] Pupils will be able state the facts of the story of Jesus and his disciples at Caesarea Philippi
Link with ACfE	Confident Individuals: self respect
Is this part of a series	Third of Five
Introduction	Quiz
Stimulus/ stimuli	Christian story from Matthew and Luke's gospels about the Jesus at Caesarea Philippi Matthew 16: 13-20. Luke 9: 18- 20
Guided Reflection	Fischy Music song "We Like We Like" and comment
Response & Possible Next Steps	Reflective words
Evaluation (a)	Discussion with pupils
Evaluation (b)	RO team discussion
Evaluation (c)	Observation of pupils during the event

Introduction

Quiz questions (for selected teams or individuals)

Scoring: ten points for the answer on first question, five on the second, and two on the third.

Who am I?

I live in Buckingham Palace

I was born in Greece

I am married to the Queen

Prince Phillip

I played football in Spain

I am married to someone posh

I played for Manchester United and England

David Beckham

I drive cars very fast

I was born in England

I was the second fastest driver in the world in 2007.

Lewis Hamilton

I solve mysteries

I have a pal called shaggy

I eat Triple Decker sandwiches

Scooby Doo

I live in a police box

I travel in time

I fought the daleks

Dr Who

My name is Peter

I was bitten by an insect and my life was changed

I can swing from tall buildings

Spiderman

The Story

(Requires 4 pupils willing to come to the front and able to read or repeat spoken words). Encourage the children to act out what is happening.

Prepared outfits:

- A sou'wester hat and oilskin jacket
- A suit jacket
- An army style jacket and cap
- Dressing gown

Have the speaking words printed, or more easily simple to repeat the words after you.

Jesus walked everywhere. (Dressing gown on one pupil)

He had twelve really good friends who went with him. Sometimes they are called the disciples. Three of them were

Peter, who used to be fisherman (dressed in oilskins)

Matthew, who used to be a tax man (dressed in suit jacket)

Judas, who really wanted to be a terrorist and kill Roman soldiers (dressed in army jacket)

The twelve of them set off to a place called Caesarea Philippi. This town was a day's walk north from Galilee of where they had been and they went there for a rest from the crowds. This was a place where grass and crops grew. It was very different from the desert which they had passed through and it was the place of a great waterfall. The water from this went to the start of the River Jordan.

When they got there Jesus asked them this question. "Who do you think I am?"

The friends looked at each other, and then looked at Jesus. What kind of stupid question was this?

Eventually, Matthew said, "well Jesus, some folks are saying you're John the Baptist, but we know that's a daft thing to say because John was your cousin...and we're really sorry that the King had him killed, but he is dead ...and you're not him"

Jesus then said "any other ideas?"

The rest of the disciples chipped in with things they had heard in the shops, heard in the temple, from family members, people they'd never met and came up with:

Judas said: Elijah who lived nine hundred years ago

Peter said: Jeremiah who lived six hundred years ago

Judas said: One of the prophets? Which means Jesus, some people think you've lived before and come back to life.

Jesus said, "Ok, who do you think I am?"

Was this a trick question? They had hoped that if they had given other people's answers they wouldn't have to answer the question.

Eventually Peter said "You're the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. You're the one that has been promised for hundreds of years. You're the person that is going to tell us all about God."

Jesus said, "Good answer Peter, you're right. I don't think you worked this out for yourself. God told you, didn't he?"

Then Jesus said to Peter "You are Peter, your name means Rock. On your rock solid faith I will build new people who will do things differently. (Take the jacket off Peter)

The Jesus said "Don't tell one else this. Let them think their own answers"

Take the jacket off Matthew but leave the one on Judas.

Guided reflection

Play and sing: "We like We like" by Fischy music. Track 3 on I Wonder Why Album"

In the story, Peter was given a new special job by Jesus. Judas could have had that too but he wanted to hold on to how he thought before he met Jesus.

Our bodies and names are very important. We are more than our bodies. We are more than our names.

Our address and phone number are very important. We are more than our address and more than our phone numbers.

We are in Primary seven or Primary one. We are a class and that is very important. But we are more than one of a group. Each of us is very important.

Sometimes we don't like who we are. We don't think we are very important. But each one of us is loved and is important. Sometimes we try to be somebody different and we are not true to ourselves.

Jesus asked his friends who they thought he was. Only by seeing the bigger picture did Peter at last get the right answer.

Who are we?

Many people believe each of us is important because we are created by God. Many other people think we are important just because of whom we are. Each of us is unique and special.

Response and Possible Next Steps

Reflective, prayerful type words.

If you believe in God you may want to listen to these words and say amen at the end inside. If you're not sure about God, listen to these words and think about them. If you don't believe in God then simply listen to these words and be thankful for whom you are.

Each one of us is one of a kind.
None of us is the same as anybody else
We are all good at something
We are loved
We matter

Each one of us can do something special for others
None of us can do it all
We are all able to make a difference
We can Love
We can help others know that they matter

Today we are thankful for who we are.
Help us to make right choices because of who we really are.
Amen.