

15.1 Learning to Trust

Based on Episode 15: Over Walls



Learning objectives:

- To define and then identify instances of trust or mistrust
- To explore trust through role playing characters from the episode

RE Links:

England:

1a) *Describe the key aspects of religions, especially the people, stories and traditions that influence the beliefs of others.*

3p) *Considering a range of human experiences and feelings*

Isle of Man:

3C) *What do we know about Jesus? What is trust? Who do we trust? (QCA – 3C)*

6Di) *Christian values – How do you know you can trust and respect a person?*

Northern Ireland:

*Morality: Respect for each other
The Christian Church: Beginning and Growth*

Scotland:

*Christianity: Beliefs: RME 2-01b
Catholic schools: Catholic Christianity:
Reign of God: RERC 1-23a / RERC 2-23a*

Wales:

The importance religion places on personal relationships and concern for others

Stimulus material:

Friends and Heroes DVD Episode 15: Over Walls

This lesson is based on the first half of the episode. Play the DVD from the beginning to 9:55 up to the point where Lucius says "They'd never know you were there. If you decide to trust me."

Bible reference for the main story:

Paul escapes in a basket

Acts 9: 1-25

2 Corinthians 11: 32-33

Other resources required:

Copies of Worksheet 15.1a

Copies of Worksheet 15.1b (optional)

Dictionaries

Introduction:

- What do we mean by the word trust?

Trust can be a verb or a noun. Agree a class definition of trust. Also, discuss the opposite of trust: mistrust, suspicion, etc.

Pupils can look trust up in the dictionary and record the definitions on worksheet 15.1a

Ask the pupils to note down instances when trust is mentioned in this episode using Worksheet 15.1a.

Show Episode 15 – ‘Over Walls’ from the beginning to 9:55 (up to the point where Lucius says “They’d never know you were there. If you decide to trust me.”)

Activities:

As a class discuss when trust is mentioned in the episode. For each example, identify whether it is an issue for the Friends and Heroes characters or whether it is an issue from the Bible:

- Lucius trusts Macky that he isn’t trying to harm the Romans. (Friends and Heroes characters)
- Saul had to leave Damascus because the people didn’t trust him. (New Testament)
- Some of the friends of Jesus did begin to trust Saul – they helped him escape over the city wall. (New Testament)

Role Play:

Ask the pupils to work in groups to create a TV news article for the Friends of Jesus TV show – it should cover the story of Paul’s conversion to Christianity and how people had to learn to trust him.

Alternatively, use Worksheet 15.1b as a writing frame for creating a newspaper article about Paul for the Friends of Jesus Gazette and drawing a picture in the box.

Reflection / Personal search / Response:

Share some of the news articles with the class. Then, ask the pupils to reflect on the definition of trust.

- Who do they trust in their lives?
- Why do they trust those people?
- Have they ever trusted someone who has let them down?
- How did that feel?

Explain that sometimes humans can let us down and that can be disappointing and hurtful. Go on to explain that Christians believe that they can always trust God because he doesn’t let them down.

Assessment / reporting:

*Can the pupils give a definition of the word trust?
Can they identify and explain why characters have trusted or not trusted each other in this episode of Friends and Heroes?*

Links to other subject areas:

SEAL – Getting on and falling out: Relationships – exploring trust, qualities for friendships

Literacy - Speaking and listening – role play.

Literacy - Newspapers: Y4 Non-fiction, Unit 1; Y6 Non-fiction, Unit 2

Literacy - Stories with issues/dilemmas: Y4 Narrative, plays and scripts, Unit 4

Creative/other - Sieges

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Trust (noun) dictionary definition?

Trust (verb) dictionary definition?



Make notes about when the issue of trust is mentioned in this episode and who is involved.

What is the issue?	Who is involved?

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Date:

Learning trust 15.1b

FRIENDS OF JESUS G A Z E T T E

**Feared enemy
turns to Jesus**

**Should you
trust Saul
of Tarsus?**


