

37.2 Letting someone down

Based on Episode 37: Betrayal

Learning objectives:

- To understand what it means to let someone down
- To consider what to do when we have let someone down

RE Links:

- England:** 3p) *considering a range of human experiences and feelings*
- Isle of Man:** 4d) *Why is Easter important to Christians? Why was Jesus disappointed in the disciples?*
- Northern Ireland:** *The life of Jesus: Passion, death and resurrection*
- Scotland:** *Christianity: Beliefs: RME 2-01b*
Catholic schools: Catholic Christianity: Son of God: RERC 2-05a
- Wales:** *the importance that religion places on personal relationships and concern for others*

Stimulus material:

Friends and Heroes DVD Episode 37: *Betrayal. This lesson is based on the second half of the episode from 11.41 mins when Jesus sends the leper off to the end.*

Bible reference for the main story:

The Last Supper and Jesus's Arrest
Mark 14:17-19, 29-46, 53, 66-72

Other resources required:

Copies of Worksheet 37.2a
Copies of Worksheet 37.2b

Introduction:

Ask the pupils to try and explain to a partner what it means to let someone down.

Feedback and create a shared understanding of what it means to let someone down. If possible, try to give a personal example of when you have let someone down or when someone else has let you down.

Give pupils some time to complete Worksheet 37.2a – they should draw or write about a time when they have been let down by someone and also when they have let someone else down.

Once they have finished, ask if any pupils are willing to share their examples. Make sure that they don't feel under any pressure to do so.

Activities:

Tell the pupils that in today's episode, one of the Friends and Heroes characters lets someone down.

Show *Friends and Heroes* DVD Episode 37: *Betrayal* from 11.41 mins when Jesus sends the leper off to 18.15 mins when Macky runs away from Portia.

Use some of the following questions to explore Macky's situation with the pupils:

- Why was he so upset when he left Portia?
- Why does Macky feel that he has let Antonius down?
- Why did he lie?

Explain that the Bible story in this episode also shows how someone lets Jesus down.

Show *Friends and Heroes* DVD Episode 37: *Betrayal* from 18.15 mins when Macky runs away from Portia to the end.

- How did Peter let Jesus down in the Bible story (he said he didn't know who Jesus was)
- How did Macky and Peter feel when they had let their friends down?
- Ask the pupils to imagine that they have let someone down.
- What is the best thing to do when this has happened?

Through discussion, lead the pupils to the idea that when they have let someone down, the best thing to do is to be brave and to apologise.

Explain that in the stories, Macky and Peter don't have the opportunity to apologise to the people that they have let down.

Using Worksheet 37.2b pupils imagine that they are either Peter or Macky and they have an opportunity to write to Jesus or Antonius after they are arrested and to apologise for letting them down. They should include a brief description of what they have done, an apology and how they feel about their behaviour and the resulting situation.

- If they were Jesus or Antonius would they forgive the friend who let them down?

Share some of the pupils' work with the whole class.

Reflection / Personal search / Response:

Talk to the pupils about letting people down. Ensure that they understand that unfortunately, we all do let other people down – it might be through our own choices or through circumstances beyond our control. What really matters is what we do when we have let someone down – we should always try to find an opportunity to say sorry and to repair the friendship. Ask the pupils to think about how they should respond when someone else has let them down. They might find it hard to forgive that person but should try to do so to repair the friendship.

Assessment / reporting:

Can pupils give an example of a time when they have been let down or when they have let someone else down?

Can pupils offer advice to someone who has been let down or who has let someone else down?

Links to other subject areas:

SEAL - *Getting on and falling out: Relationships* – what happens when we are let down/let someone else down?

Literacy - Letter writing

Name:

Date:

Worksheet 37.2a



Write or draw about a time when you have been let down by someone.

Write or draw about a time when you let someone else down.

Name:

Date:

Worksheet 37.2b

Imagine that you are Macky or Peter and write a letter to either Antonius or Jesus apologising for letting them down.

