

38.2 Sacrifices

Based on Episode 38: Trials and Tribulations

Learning objectives:

- To understand what it means to make a sacrifice
- To learn about how Jesus sacrificed his life on the cross

RE Links:

- England:** 1a) *describe the key aspects of religions, especially the people, stories and traditions that influence the beliefs and values of others*
- Isle of Man:** 4d) *Why is Easter important to Christians? The Crucifixion.*
- Northern Ireland:** *The life of Jesus: Passion, death and resurrection*
- Scotland:** *Christianity: Beliefs: RME 2-01b*
Catholic schools: Catholic Christianity: RERC 1-07a / RERC 2-07a
- Wales:** *ways in which religion can change people's lives and/or attitudes*

Stimulus material:

Friends and Heroes DVD Episode 38: *Trials and Tribulations. This lesson is based on the second part of the episode from 5.32 mins when Macky and Portia have managed to escape to a safe house to the end.*

Bible references for the main stories:

Jesus carries his cross
Mark 15:16-23
The Crucifixion
Mark 15:24-37

Other resources required:

Copies of Worksheet 38.2a – enough for one per pair
Copies of Worksheet 38.2b – enough for one per group

Introduction:

Don't share the learning objectives for the lesson with the pupils!
Give pairs of pupils copies of Worksheet 38.2a – explain that today's lesson is based on a theme which will be revealed by the puzzle on Worksheet 38.2a.
Tell the pupils that they will have to complete the number calculations and match each answer to a letter to reveal the focus.
Allow the pupils some time to complete the puzzle, pairing more able with less able mathematicians.
Once they have worked out that they will be learning about sacrifice, ask them to talk in pairs and try to suggest what it means to make a sacrifice.
Gather the pupils together and take their ideas on sacrifice. Be aware that some pupils may have ideas from their religious background about sacrifices. Share the first lesson objective.

Activities:

Explain that we are going to see examples of sacrifice in this episode. Briefly recap the story so far making sure the pupils know that Antonius is still in prison and that Macky and Portia want to help him escape.

Ask the pupils to predict who might make sacrifices.

- What will they do?
- Why?

Show Friends and Heroes DVD Episode 38: Trials and Tribulations from 5.40 mins when Macky and Portia have managed to escape to a safe house to the end.

Working in groups, pupils recreate one of the scenes from the episode – see Worksheet 38.2b for examples.

Ask the pupils to imagine that there had been a photographer at the scene they are recreating – they should produce a few lines of drama leading up to the scene they are preparing. Each child needs to imagine what their character might have been thinking and feeling.

“Thought Tapping” - what are they thinking? once they have had enough time to prepare, ask the groups to show their work to the rest of the pupils. As they perform, tap pupils on the shoulder – when you do they should say what their character is thinking at that time. Ask the pupils who are watching if any of the characters have had to make a sacrifice.

Ensure that at some point during the performances, the pupils recognise that Jesus has sacrificed his life on the cross. Explain that Christians believe that his sacrifice means that they can have a personal relationship with God because Jesus died for their sins.

Reflection / Personal search / Response:

Towards the end of the episode, both Macky and Antonius make sacrifices of their own safety, and potentially their lives, in order to help each other. We’re not always called to sacrifice our safety for other people and indeed, this isn’t a good idea but there might be times when we need to make a sacrifice of time, money or something else to help someone in need. Give the pupils some time to think about the things that they are willing to sacrifice for each other.

Assessment / reporting:

Can pupils explain what a sacrifice is?

Can pupils give an example of someone making a sacrifice?

Links to other subject areas:

SEAL - Good to be me – learning about what it feels like to make sacrifices for others

Literacy - Speaking and listening – drama – thought tapping – getting into a character’s thoughts and feelings

Creative/other - Maths – solving problems

Name: _____

Date: _____

Worksheet 38.2a

Use the following code to work out the focus of today's lesson:



A = 13	B = 18	C = 55	D = 2	E = 90	F = 15	G = 7
H = 24	I = 9	J = 35	K = 47	L = 5	M = 14	N = 84
O = 41	P = 29	Q = 6	R = 16	S = 30	T = 63	U = 51
V = 56	W = 11	X = 72	Y = 30	Z = 21		

Calculation	Answer	Letter
$(2 \times 5) + 20$		
$40 \div 10 =$ then add 9		
Half of 100, add 5		
$60 - 44$		
$18 \div 2$		
A multiple of 3 and 5, less than 20. The number of sides of a square + the number of		
sides of a pentagon		
11×5		
$10 + 20 + 20 + 20 + 10 + 5 + 5$		

What do you think this word means?

Discuss it with a partner and try and write an explanation below:

Name:

Date:

Worksheet 38.2b

Working in groups, try to recreate one of the following scenes from Trials and Tribulations. Imagine that someone was able to photograph the scenes. What would they have seen? Make sure you have thought about what your character might have been thinking or feeling.

Be ready to 'freeze' in your position.

1. Jesus carrying his cross up the hill to Golgotha

A crowd of people walked behind Jesus. Some had heard of him, others hadn't. The rest were his followers and the soldiers who were going to crucify him.

2. Jesus on the cross

There were soldiers guarding him and gambling for his clothes. Two other men were also hanging on crosses at the same time – one believed that Jesus was the Son of God and wanted to join him in heaven; the other one did not. Some of his followers were grouped at the foot of the cross watching.

3. Antonius's escape

Macky and Antonius are running through the underground tunnels, hotly pursued by Roman soldiers. Absolom is waiting, ready to help them then Antonius trips over and a boulder falls on top of him.

