



Picture News

Bible Link: Luke 10:30-37

Key idea: You choose

Biblical core concept: Wisdom



Pupil involvement: This will require all staff to be involved. Before the assembly, ask all staff to bring a disposable mask with them, which they will put on once they sit down in the hall. When everyone is quiet, and you have welcomed the children ask the question: I wonder what the staff will do when they have finished with their mask? That is the cue for staff to take off their mask, scrunch it up and drop it on the floor. One at a time, ask each member of staff: are you going to take personal responsibility for that choice? Either they look away, shrug their shoulders or simply say 'no'. Repeat the same question to each member of staff.

Pupil talk: How did you feel as the adults were asked about the masks they had dropped? Why did they not pick it up and what impact does that have? What do you think personal responsibility is? Do you think they made the right choice?

Think: It is easy to ignore one piece of rubbish. What difference did one face mask make? But the problem multiplies rapidly when people choose to not take responsibility. And it is a choice. You can choose to do the right thing, or you can choose not to. But when you make a choice there are consequences. Sadly, one of the unexpected problems with covid was the dramatic increase in plastics that come from face masks. That is a consequence. The bible is full of examples of people who made choices that had consequences. Our bible story shows where some people made a poor choice (but one that was convenient for them, like it was convenient to drop a mask) and one person who took responsibility. There was a cost, but it was easily worth it. He made a good choice.

Invitational Prayer: Lord Jesus, we are sorry when we make decisions that, when we think about them, are because they are convenient for us. Help us to be wise to make good decisions. We pray, Lord, that we can also have the courage to challenge others when they are making a bad decision and that you can give us wise words to encourage other people to change their habits. Amen

Key Stage 1 class discussion: Why was it shocking that the staff refused to take responsibility? Who could you have spoken to if you saw that? Do you have somebody in school who you trust to talk to when you see things that aren't right?

Key Stage 2 class discussion: 129 billion face masks are currently being worn. In the assembly, only a few made a big mess - can you create a mini-campaign to encourage adults to dispose of face masks safely?

Worship song: We plough the fields



God



Creation



Fall



People of God



Incarnation



Gospel



Salvation



Kingdom of God