

Supernovas from Home Planning

Sunday 31st May 2020 - Green eyed monster

Starter Activity - Looking after your Pet

Give your child(ren) a different pet to think about, e.g. Cat, bird, hamster, dog. If you have one child then do one too so there are at least 2 different pets.

Let your child make a collage showing all the things they would need to look after their pet. They can draw items, look through a catalogue or make a document on the computer.

Look at the finished collages. Ask the children if all pets need the same things. Do some pets need more looking after than others? Which are hardest to look after? Which are easiest? Which cost most?

Ask the children to imagine that you had a fish and a dog. Would you treat them both in the same way? No! Would you treat them both well, in the way they need looking after? Yes!

A fish might be jealous of the dog because it gets more attention and walks; but a fish wouldn't enjoy going on a walk, and it couldn't eat dog food either!

Ask your child(ren) if they know what jealous means?

The Point: To see that people are different and sometimes need to be treated in different ways.

Teaching

Make a list of different people (including your child(ren)'s name) Ask them to put them in order of who is most important - you might include you, their teacher, Boris Johnson, the Queen, any celeb they would know, David Thompson, a policeman, a doctor... They should be able to give reasons for what they think.

Ask your child(ren) if they ever feel jealous of adults who are more important than them? Probably they don't. Ask why not. (Adults move in a different circle!)

Ask the children if they ever feel jealous of someone in their class? This is a difficult question to answer, so have a story of your own ready to use as an example.

Say that we often feel jealous of people we think are more popular, clever or important than we are because it makes us feel unimportant and unpopular! Say that sometimes we are jealous of other people because they get treated differently to us: a baby takes up a lot more time and attention, for instance! But it doesn't mean that we are loved less than that person, just that the needs we have are different! Sometimes we can think that

other people are more important than us but God teaches us that we are all equally important - just different.

In the early church people started being jealous of each other because they felt that some people were more important than them – some had better gifts to use! Paul, who was one of the leaders, didn't like this! He wanted the people to know that they were all important to God.

So Paul prayed, and then he wrote a letter to help the people know that they didn't need to be jealous of each other. Find 1 Corinthians 12:12-22. If you have a child who can read it, ask them to read it aloud, otherwise read it yourself.

Get your child(ren) to look at their bodies and figure out things that each part can do that others cannot - mouth can eat, feet can walk, brain can think, bum can poo! Help them to see that their body works together to help them function. We need every part.

Say that when God makes us he makes us just as carefully - each one of us has a different, equally important job to do. So we don't need to be jealous of other people's talents because God has given us our own talents to us, and we should be grateful to God for that!

The Point: To see that God has plans for us which help everyone! We don't need to be jealous of other people's talents because God has given us different ones.

Memory verse Galatians 2:6 - God does not show favouritism.

Get a selection of treats on a plate - tell your child(ren) they can choose their favourite. We have favourite foods, toys, clothes but God has not got favorite people. He loves us all equally and does not show favouritism.

Get children to recite and memorise this verse. Get them to think about what is good about them - they were created by God so they are amazing. Affirm your child(ren), help them to see themselves the way that God sees them and talk about how they can remind themselves of this to help them to deal with jealous feelings.

Pray

Thank God that he loves us all equally. Pray that God would help us not to be jealous and to understand that sometimes people are treated differently but we are all important and have a role to play in God's plan.