

Assembly 1

Give me what you owe me

You will need:

A waste paper bin; five crumpled pieces of paper; a blindfold

Begin the story

This is a story that Jesus told.

There was once a man who had two sons. The man owned a farm and as his sons grew up, they would help out on the farm.

When the first son was old enough to leave home, he decided that he would stay with his father and work, full time, on the farm. He was very happy there and they had always had everything they needed.

As the second son got older though, he got more and more fed up. He didn't want to be like his brother. He wanted to explore, to travel to new places, to meet different people. So he asked his father for his share of his inheritance.

Play the Song, "Give me what you owe me"

The youngest son dreamed about the things he would like to do with his life. He hoped for good things to happen.

Questions for discussion

Has anyone here any dreams or plans for their own future?

Do you think it's a good thing to have dreams?

Activity

Ask for two volunteers. Ask the first volunteer to throw the five pieces of paper into the bin from 2 to 3 metres away.

Then blindfold the second person and ask them to do the same.

Questions for discussion

Who got the most in the bin?

Did anyone get all the pieces in the bin?

If someone was 100% successful do you think this would always be the case?

The point of the activity is that, seeing what you are aiming for, usually helps you to hit the target. It doesn't guarantee success, but it does make it more likely.

The bible says that without vision people perish or go astray (Proverbs 29 verse 18)

Sometimes our dreams may not be realised and we may be disappointed when things that we hope for, don't turn out the way we expect them to. But we still need to hope for things, so that we know what we are aiming for and we have something to work towards.

Prayer

Thank you Lord that you give us hope for the future, so that, even when things aren't going too well, we have things to look forwards to and something to work towards.

Reflection

If we can look ahead to what we would like to happen in the future, it can help us, in the present, to do the things that will make them more likely to happen.

Learn the song