

Assembly 2

Here is the World

Play and sing "Give me what you owe me"

You will need:

To have in mind some examples of difficult or needy situations in the world.

Recap the story so far

Continue the story

Although the Father didn't have to give his son the money, because he loved him, he agreed. The father felt very sad as he watched his son disappear down the road. He knew that life away from the farm may not be as good as the young man seemed to think.

The young man though was full of excitement as he thought of all the possibilities that lay before him.

Play the Song, "Here is the World"

The youngest son, according to the song, expected his new life to be much better.

Look at the words of the second verse

Questions for discussion

There is a saying, "The grass is always greener on the other side"

Does anyone know what this means?

Can anyone think of an example that would demonstrate this idea? (*e.g. You might think that a game your friend has is better than yours, but if you owned it you would probably get bored of it quite quickly*)

Activity

Some people complain about anything, even good things. I'm going to pretend that I've got some good news for you and I want you to find something to complain about:

We're taking you camping next week (*e.g. I'd rather stay in a hotel.*)

You've won £5 in an art competition. (*e.g. Is that all!*)

We're going swimming on Saturday morning. (*e.g. I'll miss my favourite programme*)

I've bought you a CD. (*I don't like that group anymore.*)

We may be able to think of things that might make us happier, for example, if we were better at something, or if we owned something that we don't own at the moment.

If we think like this though, we end up being unhappy because of the things we haven't got, instead of being happy because of the things we have got!

We could actually be a lot worse off. There are many places in the world where people have a lot less than us. Can anyone think of any examples?

You may want to pray for some of the areas mentioned.

Prayer

Help us Lord, not to worry too much about the things that we don't have, but to be grateful for and enjoy the many things that we do have.

Reflection

Who has the most; someone who has some good things and is miserable because they look at the things that they haven't got, or someone who has the same good things and is happy because they value what they already have?

Learn the song