

Assembly for 11 to 14 year olds

Being Fair

Theme

What do we do when we see unfair situations?

Plan

QUIZ

(NOTE: Run this with other members of the team, or against a sympathetic teacher.)

Get a volunteer, ask their name and explain the rules. They are going head to head with a team member. It's the best out of three. The winner gets a prize the loser gets a pie in the face. The quiz is rigged so the young person's questions are difficult and the team members are easy.

TEAM

1. Name a player for Manchester United.
2. What is $5 + 5 + 10$?
3. Name a day in the week that ends with "Y"?

PUPIL VOLUNTEER

1. What day of the week was the 2nd July 2005? (Saturday)
2. What is the fastest time recorded for the London Marathon?
(2 hrs 5 mins 10 secs)
Say the good news is this last question is worth 3 points.
3. What is 123 divided by 13? (9.46)

Ask the pupil how they felt about their poor performance. Hopefully they'll say it's unfair. Agree with them... and pie the team member.

STORY

In September 2009, the national Irish football team were playing the French for a place in the World Cup finals. The winners would not only receive lots of money for playing but have the privilege of playing in the world's biggest, most legendary football competition. The French won the first leg 1-0. The Irish were winning the second leg 1-0. It was all equal on aggregate. With 10 minutes left and a penalty shoot out looming, French striker Thierry Henry handled the ball then passed it to a team mate who scored. The referee did not see the handball. The Irish were out and the French through.

UNFAIR? YOU DECIDE...

Ask them questions below: do you think it's unfair? The idea is that *they are doing the unfair thing* so they reflect on their actions rather than it being done to them.

- a. You push in front of someone in the dinner or bus queue.

b. A teacher has spent an hour of their own time preparing a lesson. You disrupt the lesson so no one learns anything.

c. You have done something wrong but your parents blame your brother/sister. You stay silent as they get grounded.

d. Every 4 seconds a person dies of hunger. That's 15 million children. Meanwhile you have more than enough and don't ever do anything to help those less fortunate as you.

There is unfairness in this world and we all have a choice to make. We can make it more unfair by pushing in at queues, disrupting things that people have put hard work into or is there another way?

BIBLE STORY (Matthew 18: 23-25)

[This story is about forgiveness but if told in the right way can be used to help illustrate what happens when you treat people unfairly.]

THE CHALLENGE

Conclude the assembly with four points that will help when we think about unfairness.

1. If we are unfair to others we should not be surprised when it happens to us. So treat people fairly.
2. Remember that we are very fortunate to have the things we have and remember those who aren't as fortunate.
3. Sometime when we see unfair situations we need to do something about it e.g. poverty.
4. If we are being treated unfairly we need to speak to someone about it not seek revenge like the team leader did when pie-ing that person!

Required Resources

Paper Plate; Foam (Note: shaving foam makes better pies, but it does hurt the eyes if it gets into them!)

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