Aid to the Church in Need

#RedWednesday 2024

Lower Primary: Teacher Support Document

‘The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”  
Mark 12:31

Context:  
The main resource for this year’s #RedWednesday campaign is aimed at upper primary school children. The [package of materials](https://acnuk.org/resource/rw-primary/) comprise:

* #RedWednesday – Promotional Assembly (for the weeks before #RedWednesday)
* #RedWednesday – Main Assembly
* #RedWednesday - Prayer and Liturgy
* #RedWednesday - Chaplaincy Team Ideas

#RedWednesday 2024 Assembly/Class Activity for Lower Primary

Aims

The aim of this resource is to enable younger children to learn about #RedWednesday through a story based on the ACN’s character ‘Maisy Milk’.

To supplement the ‘main’ #RedWednesday resources.

To provide lower primary school children with an activity that is accessible and a focus for their contribution to #RedWednesday.

Instructions:

1. Explain that Aid to the Church in Need is a charity that helps people who are suffering.
2. Play the video: Maisy Milk on #RedWednesday
3. Discuss the questions below.
4. Explain to the children, that like Maisy Milk, they will be making a red flower. The idea is that they bring these flowers home and invite their families to donate to ACN. In the clip, Maisy Milk encourages the viewer to raise money for children who are suffering because of injustice; this is their opportunity to do so too.
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\*For schools who are fundraising in other ways (e.g. a whole school red mufti day) instead of inviting the children to being the flowers home, they could be made into displays and/or offered up in a school liturgy when praying for the children being assisted by ACN.

1. If the flowers are being brought home, the children make the label to wrap around their flower. This can be decorated and given to a family member with the flower.

Discussion Questions:

1. What did Maisy Milk do in her summer holiday?
2. Why was she so excited to share with her class about her flower?
3. Why did Maisy Milk get nervous?
4. In what way did Claude misunderstand Maisy’s presentation during ‘Show and Tell’.
5. Why was Maisy Milk relieved at the end?
6. How does ACN help people?
7. What is #TeamRed?
8. What is special about #RedWednesday?
9. What did Maisy Milk say about being an ‘ACN Apostle’?
10. Why did Maisy Milk’s class cheer at the end?

‘To Know You More Clearly’: The Religious Education Directory (RED)

Ways of Knowing

The RED identifies three ‘ways of knowing’ in its Programme of Study that enable skills to be developed at an appropriate level. The development of these aspects allows each knowledge lens to be explored appropriately. The ways of knowing are Understand (U), Discern (D) and Respond (R).

End of phase Age-Related Expectations, that could be linked to this resource are listed below.

Age 5 - 7

U1.6.2. Recognise that Catholics are a part of a global Christian family, and all Christians are sisters and brothers.

U1.4.2. Recognise that Jesus shows the importance of giving to others,

U2.6.2. Describe an initiative Christians work on together locally and/or globally in the service of others.

D2.6.1. Consider an answer, with relevant reasons, to the question ‘Who is my neighbour?’

Age 7 - 9

D3.1.2. Thinking about how all people should be treated equally.

R.4.3.1. Reflecting on those that society excludes today and consider how they could show love for these people as Jesus did.

R.4.4.1. Reflecting on how the life and work of a person or organisation (historical or contemporary) lives out the works of mercy and/or the love for those oppressed by poverty and the inspiration they offer for their life.

R.4.5.3. Reflecting on how Christian communities continue the work of Jesus in the community where they live.

Fundraising for ACN

ACN is always grateful for the funds raised for its projects; please note that the projects mentioned in this presentation are an example of ACN’s work. Your funding may go to these or similar projects.

Thank you for all that you do to support the work of ACN, both in your fundraising and in your prayers which are equally important.

Please share your #RedWednesday activities/celebrations using our social media platforms:

* Twitter (X): @acn\_uk
* Instagram: @aidtothechurchinneed\_uk

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