**The Christian Value of Peace**

**KS 1 – Being at peace with others**

Purpose – this is aimed at exploring the value of peace from a Christian perspective, to be at peace with others, not just about being quiet or not in conflict but being content in relationships, happy and without anxiety.

**Colossians 3 vs 15** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

**Slide 1**

Introductory slide to be displayed while listening to some music (you could use the song ‘Be Still’) and lighting of the candle (or whatever your usual worship/reflection routine may be). Explain that the theme of this reflection/worship session is ‘peace’ but specifically, being at peace with others. Find out what the children understand the meaning of ‘to be at peace with others’ is, to reflect on the question, and then transition to slide 2.

**Slide 2**

Discuss different ideas to the question from the slide.

*Which faces suggest that this person feels happy inside (or peaceful inside)?*

**Slide 3**

Consider the questions from slide 2.

*Do we feel at peace inside if we cause someone to feel sad?*

*How does this compare to how we feel inside when we make someone else happy?*

**Slide 4**

Consider Jesus’ commandment that we should treat each other as we would like to be treated (**Luke Chapter 10 v27**).

If we always did this, then surely, we would always be at peace with each other. But we know that this is not always the case. See how many reasons the children can think of that makes this challenge very difficult to achieve all the time.

For example, we can be selfish and greedy, and think about ourselves more than thinking of others. We can say unkind things because we find it hard to like someone – but would we like it if we knew people was saying things like that behind our backs? Acknowledge that it is hard work to think about how our actions affect others all the time – but we need to try our best to do just that. If we are able to do this it makes us feel much better inside knowing that we have been kind to our family, friends and neighbours – that we are at peace with others.

**Slide 5**

God’s peace is extra special – being at peace with each other is very important, but even when we don’t get treated with love and respect, and when things aren’t going well, Christians believe that we can still sense God’s peace inside of us – Jesus has given us this special promise.

**Slide 6**

Use the prayer from the slide. Invite the children to make it their prayer by joining in with Amen at the end.