**The Christian Value of Peace**

**KS 2 – 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**

Play the animation that tells the story of Abigail. This story takes place during the reign of King David, the second King of Israel, approximately1000-960 BC. This story can be found in the Old Testament, second book of Samuel. Use this clip as a helpful stimulus to think about being at peace with each other – invite general reflections before considering in more detail using the next slide.

**Slide 3**

Use the following questions as a stimulus for thought, reflection and discussion:

What can we learn from the story of Abigail?

Does the behaviour of King David or Nabal remind you of yourself at times?

Or do you think you react a bit more like Abigail? Is it ever ok to get cross and angry?

In summary, you could say that Abigail’s attitude was to be humble and kind and to seek peace with others.

**Slide 4**

Pupils/adults could share their thoughts or reflections but only if they are happy to and offer to do so. It could be that the following is shared:

*The need to be more patient/forgiving/understanding; to be slower to react and take time before responding to someone who has upset you.*

It is probably helpful to acknowledge that it can be hard to follow Abigail’s example at times – who do we know that we can ask for help and guidance. Who can we trust to help us?

Ask what they think it means when St Paul wrote, ‘Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.’ Christians believe that the presence of the Holy Spirit within them, helps them to feel a special peace that God’s presence gives them but that this also helps them to behave peacefully towards each other.

**Slide 5**

Invite the children to make the prayer on the screen their own by joining in with Amen at the end.