

Key Stage 2

Ages 7 - 11, Scotland P3 - P6

Year 5 (Unit 5d)

How do the beliefs of Christians influence their actions?

Where this lesson will fit into the national curriculum

This lesson is suitable for primary school children aged 7-11. It introduces buying fair trade as something that many Christians get involved with because they are motivated by their faith. Within the National Curriculum this fits into Religious Education Unit 5c which considers how Christians serve their neighbours. This would normally be studied in the second half of the Autumn term of year 5.

You will need

- The Traidcraft information: 'Traidcraft: 30 years of fair trade'
- The PowerPoint slides showing how Traidcraft's work has helped producers to improve their lives'
- Printable copies of the photographs on the PowerPoint to hand out to the children for their individual work
- The Papa Panov story script (appendix 1) and accompanying PowerPoint slides
- To make copies of the parable of the sheep and the goats (see appendix 2), one for each child in the class
- To ask the teacher to provide A3 sheets of paper to design posters on and art materials such as marker pens and crayons for the children to use

Introduction to the lesson

(10 minutes approx)

Begin by establishing what the children know about Traidcraft, if anything, and fill in the gaps using the information provided in the accompanying materials. Emphasise the fact that Traidcraft describes itself as 'a Christian response to poverty'. Ask a few general questions and encourage the children to put up their hands to answer the question, 'Why does Traidcraft think fair trade is important?' Other follow-up questions could include, 'Why is it important for people to receive a fair wage for their work?' 'Do you know any other organisations that do similar work?' At this point you are just aiming to stimulate thinking, rather than to get particular answers.



RE - lesson plans for non-teachers

FAIR TRADE - a Christian response to poverty

Leading the lesson

Tell the story of Papa Panov showing the slides that accompany the script. Ask a few simple recall questions at the end to check that everyone has got the point of the story.

- What was Papa Panov doing on Christmas Eve? [Thinking about the Christmas story]
- What made him sad? [He had no present for Jesus]
- Why was he so happy when he woke up on Christmas Day? [He had dreamt that Jesus was coming to visit him]
- What happened that day? [He gave the road sweeper a drink, a baby some shoes and a beggar some soup.]
- Did he see Jesus? [Jesus came to him in the poor people he helped]

Hand out the copies of Jesus' story of the sheep and the goats (included in the resources with this lesson). Ask the children to tell you what strikes them about this story. Is it like the Papa Panov story in any way? What is the same? What is different?

Ask the children what do they think Jesus meant when he said: "Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me."? Explain how the work that Traidcraft is involved in, seeks to improve life for those who can be overlooked and ignored in the world. Traidcraft is attempting to help Christians and others in the UK live out Jesus' important teaching that we should love our neighbours as ourselves.

Give the children each a photocopied picture from the PowerPoint presentation. Ask them to write next to it/on the back how Traidcraft, as a Christian organisation, is helping poor people improve their lives.

Thoughts to leave with the children

Remind the children of the positive benefits of fair trade to producers. Ask them what they have learned today and how they are going to put it into practice. Explain that they can influence their parents/those they shop with to buy more fair trade products and they can request fair trade products themselves. Suggest that, as a class, they collect empty packaging carrying the Fairtrade Mark or from a fair trade company like Traidcraft and make a display to help demonstrate the impact they and their families have had on fair trade producers.

If the school is not already a Fairtrade School or working towards this, leave the teacher with information on how to go about becoming a Fairtrade School and how Traidcraft can help them to get more involved.

Appendix 1 - Reports Grid Resource

A retelling of Leo Tolstoy's short story of Papa Panov (Illustrations by Amy Barnes)



Papa Panov lived in Russia many years ago. He was a simple man, a shoemaker, living an unremarkable life in a quiet town out in the country. An unremarkable life, that is, until one very special Christmas Eve...



As the dusk fell that Christmas Eve, Papa Panov stoked up the fire and laid a fresh log on the burning embers. He picked up his Bible and began to read, reminding himself of the Christmas Story.

As he read he could picture the events so clearly: the crowded town of Bethlehem; Mary and Joseph on the edge of panic, knowing the baby would be born very soon; their dismay at



the offer of the barn mixed with relief that at least they would have shelter for the night; baby Jesus born and laid in the animals' feeding trough.

"I'd have given them a bed for the night even if it meant sleeping on the floor myself," he thought.



He read of the wisemen's gifts – the gold, frankincense and myrrh and was suddenly struck by the saddest of thoughts. Gazing around the tiny house he realised he had nothing to give to the baby. Nothing at all.



Sadly, he got up and walked wearily over to his bed. Just as he drifted off to sleep a sudden thought made him smile. He did have a gift after all – a tiny pair of shoes – just big enough for a baby. He'd made them a long time ago and put them away safely. If he were to visit the baby Jesus he'd have given him those shoes.



Deep in the night a strange dream unfolded in Papa Panov's mind. He dreamt of Jesus who came with a message especially for him. "I'm coming to see you, Papa Panov. Make sure you look out for me on Christmas Day!"



The dream was so vivid it was the first thing on Papa Panov's mind as he woke early on Christmas morning. He almost jumped out of bed in his excitement and went straight to the box of tiny shoes. He would give them to Jesus when he called.

As his morning coffee brewed on the stove Papa Panov scanned the street outside. If Jesus was coming he didn't want to miss him. No one was about yet. Only the road sweeper, head down in the chilly wind, pulling his coat tightly round him to keep out the cold.



Papa Panov couldn't help himself. He threw open the door and invited the man in to get warm by the fire and enjoy a reviving cup of strong, sweet coffee.



Friends and neighbours filled the street for a while as everyone went to church and came home again. Eagerly, Papa Panov scanned their faces for a glimpse of Jesus. "Not yet," he whispered and went in to put on the soup he would have for his lunch.



A thin, weak cry caught his attention moments later and he looked out to see a girl carrying a baby. She looked so tired that he called her in to warm by the fire. The baby was chilled to the bone and Papa Panov's eye fell on the shoes he had waiting to give to Jesus when he came. His heart was filled with compassion as he fitted each tiny shoe onto the baby's frozen feet. "Jesus will understand," he said to himself.



The rest of the day passed very slowly as Papa Panov waited for Jesus to come. Finally, as the dusk fell, and Christmas Day was almost over he spotted a poor man shuffling along outside. He flung open the door and invited him in. But, to his dismay, it wasn't Jesus. Quickly hiding his disappointment, Papa Panov gave the man something to eat. Together they finished the soup and a hunk of bread and the beggar left, warm and nourished from the meal.



Alone again, Papa Panov sank down in his chair and fell into a sad sleep.



And as he slept, another strange dream filled his mind. Jesus stood there in the little house – really there – large as life. Papa Panov could not hold back his disappointment any longer. "You didn't come!" he said. "I looked for you all day long and you didn't come!" Jesus smiled. "Didn't you see me?" he asked.

"I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was shivering and you gave me clothes, I was hungry and you fed me. Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me."



And suddenly Papa Panov understood. Jesus had come. He had come after all.