


Date: Monday 24 th April 2023	Value: Peace	Leader: Teacher
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Key message that the children need to take away
Values: Peace Theme: Do not be worried

Gathering	<p>Music on entry. Children enter quietly</p> <p>Class children to bring up to the worship table and say together: Bible – God the Father Cross – God the Son Candle – God the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Candle is lit on the worship table All: Come to us Father, as we gather here today; Be with us Jesus, in our worship Stay with us Holy Spirit, now and always, Amen.</p>	<p>Image on display as children enter:</p> <p>Matthew 6.25 – 28</p>  <p>Relaxing Christian music RELAXING CHRISTIAN MUSIC Instrumental, Hymns, Soft Music, Prayer Time Anointed - YouTube</p>
Engaging	<p>(Use Powerpoint)</p> <p>Show the children the photos of the wild flowers (with the names removed). In talk partners, can the children identify what the flowers are called?</p> <p>Which is your favourite wild flower? Why? Where does it grow? What time of year do you see it?</p>	



LEARNING

In this Bible story, Jesus uses the birds of the air and the wild flowers of the fields to teach us an important lesson. As you listen and join in with the story, think about what the lesson might be.

A useful way of helping all the children to join in with the actions that bring Bob Hartman's stories to life is to have a small group of children, who have practiced beforehand, leading from the front.

STORY: DON'T WORRY

by Bob Hartman

Don't worry about your life. *(everyone put hand on heart)*

Don't worry about whether or not you will have enough to eat. *(everyone pretend to eat a sandwich or burger, complete with noisy gobbling up sounds)*

Don't worry about whether or not you will have enough to drink. *(everyone pretend to drink from a cup, complete with glugging, swallowing sounds)*

And don't worry about your clothes, either. *(everyone point to, grab hold of, an item of clothing they are wearing)*

Why? Because your life *(life action - hand on heart)* is more than what you eat *(eating action)* or what clothes you wear. *(clothing action)*

Are you worried about food? *(eating action)*

Then look up at the birds, flying across the sky. *(everyone look up)*

They don't plant seeds, grow crops, harvest those crops, or store them in a barn. There's no need, because God, your Father in Heaven, feeds them.

Are you worried about your life? *(life action)*

Then think about this: No amount of worrying will make your life last even one hour longer.

And as for worrying about what you will wear *(clothes action)*, take a look at the lilies, growing in the fields. *(everyone pluck a pretend flower and give it a sniff)*

They don't make cloth. They don't sew. But even Solomon, the richest of kings, never looked so beautiful as them. So if God dresses the grass in the fields so beautifully - grass that is alive one day and thrown into an oven the next - he can make sure that you have something to wear *(clothes action)* as well.

So, be at **peace** and stop your worrying.

Don't say, "What will we eat?" *(eating action)*, or

"What will we drink?" *(drinking action)*, or

"What will we wear?" *(clothing action)*.

That's what people who don't trust in God do. But you have a Father in Heaven, who knows that you need them all.

So seek Him, and live the way He wants you to, and all the rest will be given to you.

Reflecting	<p>Why do you think Jesus told his story?</p> <p>How can worrying about things stop you feeling peaceful?</p> <p>How does trusting God make a difference to people?</p>
Responding	<div data-bbox="397 438 1297 1205" data-label="Image"> <p>MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU <i>by Anita Dobson</i></p> <p>My Father sent me here to earth To show my people how to love But now it's time for me to leave Returning to my home above</p> <p>My peace I leave with you My peace I give to you</p> <p>Now I must leave this troubled world But you will not be on your own The Holy spirit will come down So you will never be alone</p> <p>My peace I leave with you My peace I give to you</p> <p>Do not be gripped by doubt or fear Don't let your troubles bring you low Don't be discouraged when I'm gone The Spirit's with you as you go</p> <p>My peace I leave with you My peace I give to you</p> <p>The spirit's burning like a flame My Father's power in your heart And though you sometimes feel afraid Through Him we'll never be apart.</p> <p>My peace I leave with you My peace I give to you</p> </div> <p>Listen to the song on the powerpoint. The words are written as if Jesus himself is speaking them before he returns to his Father in heaven. As you listen, close your eyes and bring anything that is worrying you to God. The song is called 'My Peace I Give to You.'</p>
Sending Out	<p>Sending out prayer at the extinguishing of the candle</p> <p>Pupil: Known by Jesus and loved by Jesus, we go on our way, All: Carrying his love inside us through the day. Amen</p> <p>SHILL: Pupil/Leader: For the body is not one member but many. All: So today we will grow together and learn together.</p> <p>Music is played</p>
Hymn	

Class
follow-up



What helps you when something is worrying you?

Who can help you with your worries?

What things make you feel peaceful?

How does trusting God make a difference to people?