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# RESPECT

## VALUES-BASED ASSEMBLY



### Aim

- To understand the importance of giving respect to others
- To share ways that we can show respect
- To learn that The Salvation Army respects and cares for everyone



### Resources

- PowerPoint presentation
- 'Respect' video
- 'Respect' music - no lyrics
- Respect sticker (optional)



### Bible verse

'Show respect for all people. Love the brothers and sisters of God's family. Respect God.'

(1 Peter 2:17 ICB)



### You will need:

- A large potato
- A ball or balloon to throw (optional)
- If using the Respect sticker, insert the image into a sheet of circular sticker labels, then print.



## INTRODUCTION

### Slide 1 - Hot potato

*Introduce yourself and welcome pupils to assembly.*

I've got something to show you today which is going to help introduce today's assembly topic. Present the large potato. Does anyone recognise what this is?

There is a game some people play called Hot Potato. *Find out if someone can explain the rules; if not, explain as follows, with a handful of volunteers at the front in a circle. You may wish to substitute the potato for a ball or balloon, depending on the catching capabilities of your volunteers.*





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Imagine that this is a potato that has been cooked, straight out of the oven or microwave, and it's hot, far too hot to hold. So ... you pass the potato on ... and you keep passing it on ... till the music stops. Use the **'Respect' music** - no lyrics - and play the game a few times.

When the music stops, who wins? Take a few responses. If you keep passing the potato on, then you win.

And that brings us to today's assembly topic, something that is important to keep passing on to others ... and that is respect.

## MAIN TALK



### Slide 2 - Respect

Respect - I'm sure you've come across this word before, especially in school. So what does respect mean? Take a few responses.

Ask a range of questions and sum up after each question.

Guidance/suggestions linked to the song lyrics are below each question.

- How do we show respect to others with our words?  
(By being friendly and polite.)
- How do we show respect to others with our actions?  
(By treating people with kindness, being caring, and trying to be fair. By putting other people first. By listening to understand their point of view.)
- When you treat others with respect, does it make them feel?  
(People will feel valued because they've been seen and heard, they might feel that they belong. It can make them feel good.)
- Why is treating people with respect important?  
(It helps us all to get along. It can make us feel good too.)



### Slide 3 - Christian perspective

The Bible, the holy book for Christians, provides guidance on good ways to live our life and it talks about respect in lots of different places.

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Jesus taught that God loves and values everyone, and because every person is special and precious to God they are special and precious to us too. One way we can show this is by treating everyone with respect.



## Slide 4 - Salvation Army perspective

The Salvation Army, as a Christian church and charity, is committed to showing respect to others.

The Salvation Army helps people from all backgrounds, ages and faiths. It helps people who have nowhere to live, who are struggling in poverty or with addiction. It helps people who are lonely, who are suffering from illness, feeling isolated or being persecuted.

The Salvation Army does this all over the world, and it has found that the best way to help people, individuals, families, groups and whole communities is by treating people with respect. Through listening to people, by caring for people, by working to make things fair for all, The Salvation Army shows people that they are valued and special, which is how God sees them.



## REFLECTION

### Slide 5 - Reflection

Let's take a moment to reflect on what we can each individually do to show respect to others. When did you last say thank you? Or put someone else's needs first? Or offer to share something? How will you respond if someone spoke unkindly to you? How can you deal with this situation respectfully?

*Pause for a short reflection time.*

Showing respect can be a challenge. Sometimes it might be easier to act respectfully to people that you know, especially if it is someone you really like or love. Or maybe it's harder to respond respectfully when someone, perhaps a friend or family member, is being annoying! But it is important to keep trying. The more you practise, the better at it you will be!

Let's imagine what this world would be like if every one of us was committed to giving respect to everyone, all the time.

*Pause for a short reflection time.*





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## SONG



### Slide 6 - Song

To help us reflect on the importance of giving respect, The Salvation Army has created a song to share with you.

*Play the song 'Respect' and encourage pupils to sing along.*



### Slide 7 - Goodbye

We all want to be treated with kindness and felt listened to and valued. But, here's the catch - just like the hot potato, you've got to give it first!

*Thank the pupils and staff for letting you be a part of their assembly.*

*You may wish to give pupils a sticker (or the sheets of stickers to each teacher) as they leave.*

*Play the song 'Respect' as pupils leave.*

