

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY ... CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

CELEBRATING BEING DIFFERENT AND EACH HAVING A GIFT suggested age group 5-9 years



Tell the story of 'The Ugly Duckling'

UGLY DUCKLING: No

Then talk it through with the group of children, discussing the different characters in the story

CAT and HEN: Then what can you do?

Ask these or similar questions

UGLY DUCKLING: I can swim. I love to feel the water all around me.

- What was different about the ugly duckling?
- How did mother duck, the other ducklings and birds react?
- How might the ugly duckling have felt

CAT and HEN: You must be crazy!

Encourage the children to take on the character of one of the animals /birds and to play out a role play displaying the different behaviours of these creatures and/or

Ask the children to think what they can do well and say, write or draw what these are. After they have done this, let everyone share and display all those things they can do well. Create a short celebration affirming the children in their gifts. This could include songs and also prayers created by the children and also art.

Read out the following dialogue

HEN: Can you lay eggs like me?

UGLY DUCKLING: No

This activity is adopted from unit One of the CCRJ (CTBI) publication.

'Just Now Stories' exploring social justice in the literary hour for primary school age children, written by Julia Ipgrave 2006.

CAT: Can you purr and arch your back like me?