

ASSEMBLY IDEAS IN ANTICIPATION OF NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY

WHO IS IMPORTANT YOU?

Preparation

Before the assembly – ask a group of students to video two or three teachers answering the following question:

'If you had to leave the country in an emergency and could only take three people with you, who would you choose?'

During the assembly

Ask the same question of the students. Once they have considered their answer, invite them to guess the responses of the teachers interviewed. Play the video to reveal the answers.

Conclusion

We all have reasons for the people we have chosen, in one way or another they are important to us.

Jesus asks us to follow him; he wants to become the King of our hearts because we are important to him. The question is, are we willing to follow?

GAME: HIGHER OR LOWER

Preparation

Download and review the power point 'Higher or Lower' from www.nationalyouthsunday.org.uk

During the assembly

Invite two volunteers to come up and play the game in front of those assembled.

The aim of the game to be the first to get to the end of your row of cards.

The first cards is turned over, at the beginning of each person's go.

They must then try to guess whether the next card is going to be higher or lower card than the one they can see.

If they guess correctly, their turn continues, if not, it is the turn of their opponent.

The winner is the person who gets to the end of the row first.

Delving Deeper

When the game is complete ask the students the following question:

Which of these cards would be most important to you?

Chose any two of the cards to explore what it looks like to have a 'heart of..'

Conclusion

When we make Jesus, the king of our hearts, he frees our heart to be concerned with the really important things in life.

VIDEO CLIPS

Meet Bishop Ralph Hesketh, who will introduce the theme and celebration of National Youth Sunday.

Fr David Cain illustrates how we can find happiness by helping others.

PRAYER

Let us invite Jesus to become the King of our hearts:

'Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Save me once again, Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace.'

Pope Francis