

celebrating peacemaking

a Pax Christi primary school resource guide

P people/patience/prayer

E energy/enthusiasm

A art/attitude/awareness

C change/creative/cool

E empathy/enjoyment



Whole school projects

Peace Gardens

A four-page brochure offering ideas and practical information on ways to make a peace garden in a school or community.

A beautiful and simple way to celebrate peace and create space where reconciliation, remembrance and encounter may take place.

A project that engages the whole school community in discovering what peace means to them - and reflecting on what it takes to build peace.

PAX CHRISTI
International Movement for Peace

Creating your own Peace Garden

Giving life to peace
Peace Gardens are a great way of bringing communities together to plan, work and care for a common project for the enjoyment of all.

They help us to think of what peace could mean. Look like, feel like, when we start to consider the steps, colour, types of plants, symbols, messages, spaces we want to create in our own Peace Garden.

They help us to consider our immediate environment. Does it nurture, grow and heal? Does it invite people and nature to come together? Does it create opportunities for learning how we can care for the earth and one another?

Why?

- To offer a space of quiet where people can go when agitated or to offer reconciliation to one another.
- To remember those who have suffered or died through violence.
- To create a place of celebration / commemoration of people in the community who have given meaning to unity, forgiveness or peacemaking.
- To make a 'healing' space where peace is explored in means and where symbols of peace can be created through sculpture, art, music, story-telling.
- To make a place where 'peace' pupils create messages or symbols of their hopes for peace to share younger pupils.
- To build cooperation between a school, local church and neighbourhood - involving the whole community.
- To create a sustainable space that needs to be cared for (bring in soil, water, with the cycles of nature).
- To create a place where food can be grown and shared with the community.

Support resources

- St Joseph's School Peace Garden - Article on Pax Christi magazine (also garden) by Elen Teague
- The Peace Gardens - Story and Project by Celia Eckstein
- From the Pax Christi office symbols of Reconciliation - by St Shona Gregory OSA and Elen Teague
- Share with symbols and the word 'peace' in different languages

A Peace Garden - a place of ...

- prayer
- hope
- sustainability
- community building
- reconciliation
- cooperation
- learning
- remembrance
- encounter
- quiet
- healing
- connection
- celebration

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Brochures are free of charge

Bethlehem Advent Project



Price £12.00

For class or individual use, these beautiful Olivewood Holy Family sets, made by craftsmen in Bethlehem, can help to focus on the coming of the Prince of Peace, and bring Bethlehem alive for your children.

The Holy Family set (8 cm high) comes with prayer ideas and a CD powerpoint on 'Bethlehem Today', for use with KS2. (Available in September)

In 2008 this was successfully piloted as a family prayer project in schools in Nottingham Diocese. During Advent each child took the class crib set home for a night for family prayer and discussion.

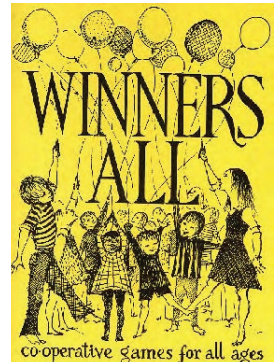
Other Resources

Winners All: cooperative games for all ages

This highly popular book is particularly suitable for building trust and co-operation.

Illustrated 32pp

Price £2.50



Time for Peace

Written for children by Janet Ganguli, this book helps them reflect on themes such as why wars happen, children working for peace, alternatives to war, and peace in practice.

Illustrated 60pp

Price £6.00

Year in Year out: twelve stories about peacemakers

A story each month, including stories on child soldiers, Martin Luther King and St Francis of Assisi.

Illustrated 12pp

Price £3.00



Olivewood goods from Bethlehem: beautiful leaving or Christmas gifts



Plain cross (2.5 cm)

Dove cross (4.5 cm)



Pack of 5 £7.50

Pack of 5 £7.50



Nativity star

Plain star

Pack of 5 £5.00

Pack of 5 £5.00

Prayer Cards

Full colour Children's Peace Prayer card

St Francis Prayer card

Set of 50 £2.00

Set of 50 £2.00

Order Form

We can only accept orders accompanied by payment	Price	No of sets	Cost
Peace Gardens brochure	Free		
Holy Family crib and prayer set	£12.00		
Winners All	£2.50		
Time for Peace	£6.00		
Year in Year out	£3.00		
Olivewood plain cross set of 5	£7.50		
Olivewood dove cross set of 5	£7.50		
Olivewood nativity star set of 5	£5.00		
Olivewood plain star set of 5	£5.00		
Children's Peace Prayer card (50)	£2.00		
St Francis Prayer card (50)	£2.00		
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