



Resolving Conflicts

KS2

Lesson Objectives

- I can think of ways to resolve conflicts peacefully.

Steps to Success

- I have thought of different good and bad ways of resolving conflicts.
- I have considered the Christian perspective on resolving conflicts.
- I have considered how I might peacefully resolve a conflict next time.

Curriculum Links

RE, PSHE (SEAL), History, English.

Resources

PowerPoint presentation

Resolving Disputes Resource Sheet

Starter

‘How many different ways of settling an argument can you think of? Talk to the person next to you for two minutes and see how many you can come up with.’ *Allow two minutes for discussion, then feed back some answers. Where possible, write the answers on a smartboard/whiteboard to build a large collection of answers from the children.*

Main Talk

‘Hundreds of years ago an argument would be settled with a duel. Who knows what a duel is?’

‘In earlier days duels were fought with swords, and after they were invented they used pistols. The point of the duel wasn’t necessarily to kill the other person but instead to gain “satisfaction”. But when you are fighting with guns and swords, of course, often the loser was the one who had been killed, or killed first at least.’

Have prepared a nice looking box with a lid and invite two children to the front. Tell them that they can settle an argument with a duel. Ask them to pick someone each to be their second. Explain that it is the duty of each person’s second to check that the weapons are equal and that the duel is fair. Open the box to reveal two scrunched-up pieces of paper. Ask the seconds to agree that they are fairly scrunched, and each to take a paper ball to their dueller. Have the duellers stand back to back with their paper balls, and ask the seconds to count out ten paces. Explain that on the tenth pace each dueller must step forward their tenth pace, turn, and throw the ball at the opponent. The first hit wins.

Key Question: What problems do you see with settling an argument this way?



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In the Bible there is a lot of teaching for Christians about arguments. In Romans 12:17-19 (MSG) it says:

‘Don’t hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you’ve got it in you, get along with everybody. Don’t insist on getting even; that’s not for you to do. “I’ll do the judging,” says God. “I’ll take care of it.”’

Key Question: What do these Bible verses tell you about how Christians try to deal with arguments? What do you think you can learn from this for yourself?

In Romans 12:20-21 (MSG) it says:

‘Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he’s thirsty, get him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness. Don’t let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.’

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Plenary

Talk to your partner about how you are going to deal with an argument in a positive way next time.



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