

OFFER

CHEEKY PANDAS

The Missing Guitar Pick

Key Learning: We all have something to offer to others to help them, and it's important to listen when someone is offering to help you.

'But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.'

2 Corinthians 4:7

Session Outline

1. Informal welcome as families arrive

2. Official welcome

Introduce the title, theme, and all members of your team to all present, including the person to contact if they have technical issues, questions or concerns.

Outline what will happen during this session, how long it will take, and the key learning for today's session.

Ensure they have any resources needed for the activity in the video.

3. Opening prayer

Dear Jesus,
Shine through us and be so in us that every soul we come in contact with may feel your presence in our soul. May we love one another as God loves each one of us, and recognise that the gifts and talents of those around us are reflections of your presence in our lives.
Amen.

Saint of the Day

St Teresa became famous as the Catholic nun who dedicated her life to caring for the destitute and dying in slums all around the world. She started in India and then as other women joined her. They became known as The Missionaries of Charity. They look after abandoned babies, people who are dying and to help the poorest of the poor. She helped them to experience God's love through her actions and taught others to do the same.

You will need...

- Video
- A story of how someone helped you
- Presentation for Prayer



4. Warm-up activity

Invite the children to write the name of a person who has offered them help. Acknowledge their responses and ask a few of them to tell the group about the person, how they offered to help and what happened.

5. Saint of the day

Today our saint is St Teresa of Calcutta, but most people know her as Mother Teresa. When she was a young girl she saw a man dying on the street in Calcutta and found a place to take care of him in his last days. She wanted everyone to know that they were loved, no matter how poor or sick they were. Other women and men joined her so people all over the world are cared for in their difficulties. She also knew how important it was to accept the help of others and saw their offering as a gift from God for the people she cared for. She often said:

'Not all of us can do great things, but all of us can do small things with great love.'

6. Watch Video

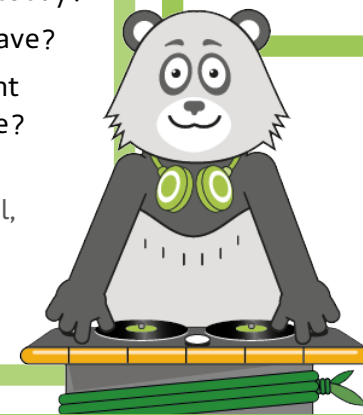
Things sometimes go wrong for the Pandas. Let's see what happens and how they deal with it.

8. Family challenge

Encourage the families present to talk about today's session using the following questions:

- What did you learn from today?
- What questions do you have?
- What gifts do the different members of your family have?

If you will send the questions via email, mention it here so people can subscribe to your email list.



9. Parish announcements

We would love to see you at the following events/services:

Sunday Mass at ___ am/pm or online via: _____
Next week's session is called The After Show Party and we will learn about how good it is to take time to talk to God. Next week, we would like you to bring something that helps to communicate with people you care about.

7. Group discussion

After the video, help the children explore the theme through using the following questions:

- What happened to Lulu?
- What did she need to help her fix the machine?
- What happens when we accept the help of others?
- What fruits of the Holy Spirit are in your friends and family, or other people you know?

If you have enough facilitators this can be done in smaller groups, using multiple rooms. However, if this is not possible, you can also ask people to respond via the chat and then ask them to tell you a little more.

10. Closing prayer

Begin with the Sign of the Cross
Prayer Intention: Today we pray for people who don't know that they have been given many gifts from God that can help other people. May they come close to their friend, Jesus, who will show them how to use their gifts. We also pray for people who offer to help us, open our eyes to see how God wants to help us through the people he sends to us.

Our Father - Hail Mary - Glory be

Leader: St Teresa of Calcutta

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Mary, help of Christians,

All: Pray for us.

Finish with the Sign of the Cross