

Peace In Our World

What I have received for free I should give for free. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation I receive forgiveness from Jesus. My job is then to offer this forgiveness to others I meet. If many people were to do this then wars wouldn't start. Peace would rule. Peace and war begin in the hearts of human beings.

We are called to make peace in thought, word and deed. This will mean

- *thinking well of others rather than jumping to bad conclusions...;*
- *kind words rather than cruel words;*
- *reaching out with a helping hand rather than lashing out with a fist.*

Blessed are the Peacemakers; they shall be called children of God. (Mt 5:9)

FIST or PALM?

*In groups of two face each other.
Put a hand behind your back and remain silent throughout the game.
At the signal from your teacher and not before show either a palm or a fist.
One of you keep score as shown in the pictures beside.
Your teacher may repeat this perhaps ten times.
Add up the total for each player.*

Your teacher may display some of your scores on the board.

Discuss:

- What is the highest score in the class? ... highest possible?
- What is the lowest score in the class? ... lowest possible?
- What is the highest score *as a pair* in the class? ... highest possible?
- What is the lowest score *as a pair* in the class? ... lowest possible?
- What in your opinion is *winning* and *losing* in this game?

To do

- 1 a) Explain how your 'Fist or Palm?' game went.
- b) Imagine that the palm is a symbol of forgiveness and trust, and the fist is a symbol of no trust and no forgiveness.

Explain what score wins and what score loses.

Research

At the beginning of this module you made a collage about 'Our Broken World'. Now design a newspaper front page with only good news; give it a title, for example, 'Peace Breaks Out'.

You may use real or imagined stories.

Some suggested headlines are given.

