

Teamwork

You will need

- Party invitations
- Table and chairs

Introduction

Arrange for two pupils to sit at a table and role play writing birthday party invitations. They can go through different people they would invite and the reason they would invite them. Use invented names, not real friends. The reasons given should be relational or behavioural, not 'she buys good presents'.

Examples:

- How about inviting Emily, she is always good fun?
- James gets on well with others.
- What about Rhianna, she joins in everything?

The pupils should then suggest someone they will definitely **NOT** invite. Use a name that **no-one** in the school has.

'Whatever you do don't invite XXXXXX'

'She is very pretty.'

'She is very clever.'

'She always brings good presents.'

'But she always causes trouble. She could pick an argument in her sleep.'

'I remember her at Alice's party, when she didn't win pass the parcel she took the prize off Ellie

and stamped on it.'

'I remember her at Josie's party; she stormed off in a huff and really upset Josie's parents!'

'Let's not invite XXXXX.'

Core material

Four hundred years ago King James I of England (James VI of Scotland) asked the best translators in the country to create a new translation of the Bible in English. About fifty men divided into six teams. Each team took part of the Bible to translate. It was then read aloud and sent to the other teams and they all commented on it. The teams between them had a variety of skills that together produced the King James Bible, but they had to be able to work in teams.

One man was not invited to join the teams. His name was Hugh Broughton. He was brilliant. He probably knew more about the Hebrew of the Bible than anyone else, but he was not invited. It seems he was also rather difficult to get on with and had a bad temper. The translators decided that teamwork was more important. It was everybody's loss.

Prayer/Reflection

Lord God, you gave us brains to think with. You gave us bodies to explore your world. You gave us hearts to feel with. None of this can be enjoyed fully on our own. Help us to get on with others so that we can share ideas and feelings, serve others, explore together. Amen.