

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

The Changing Face of Britain & Ireland

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Children's activity

"Who do you say I am?"

Mark 8:29



Celebrating being different and each having a gift

For suggested age group 5-9 years

Tell the story of 'The Ugly Duckling'.

Then talk it through with the group of children, discussing the different characters in the story.

Ask these or similar questions

- What was different about the ugly duckling?
- How did mother duck, the other ducklings and birds react?
- How might the ugly duckling have felt?

Encourage the children to take on the character of one of the animals/birds and to perform a role play displaying the different behaviours of these creatures

and/or

Read out the following dialogue:

HEN: Can you lay eggs like me?

UGLY DUCKLING: No

CAT: Can you purr and arch your back like me?

UGLY DUCKLING: No

CAT and HEN: Then what can you do?

UGLY DUCKLING: I can swim. I love to feel the water all around me.

CAT and HEN: You must be crazy!

Ask the children to think what they can do well and say, write or draw what these are.

After they have done this, let everyone share and display all those things they can do well.

Create a short celebration affirming the children in their gifts. This could include songs, prayers created by the children and also art.

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exploring social justice in the literary hour for primary school age children,
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