



# Space Prayer Space

## I Identity

*Clay, pictures of our solar system*

There are over 7.6 billion people on our planet and our planet is only 1 of many planets in our solar system (*point to solar system picture*). That makes each one of us pretty small. Sometimes we can feel like we're too small to be noticed, but Christians believe that God thinks each one of us is important and he loves each of us.

Take a small piece of clay and mould it into a model of yourself. Your class has a planet. Put your model on your planet with the rest of your classmates and remember how valued you all are.

## S Sorry

*Black hole, white paper, pens*

Have you ever done something and wished you hadn't? (*Don't let them share*)

Sometimes you wish that thing you did would go away forever. In space there are things called 'Black Holes'. Does anyone know what a Black Hole is? A Black Hole is where the force of gravity is so strong that nothing can escape. That means that if something goes in there it's never coming back! Christians believe that Jesus forgives us when we say we are sorry. He takes that thing that we've done and he gets rid of it, forever. It's a bit like throwing that thing you did into a black hole.

Think of something you wish you hadn't done and write the word 'sorry' on a piece of paper. (*Pause and allow the children to do this*) Screw it up and throw it into the black hole remembering that you are forgiven.

## T Thanks

*Gazebo, net lights, card stars, mini pegs*

Ask the children to lie down, looking up at the star lights. Ask the children to listen as you read some of the Bible verses around the area. The people who wrote these Psalms in the Bible were wanting to say thank you to God for all he has made. Get the children to hold their hand up above their head and count their fingers. How many are there? In your head think of 5 things you want to say thank you for. (*Give them some time*). Write the 5 things on the points of the star and peg them to the display (*not the lights*).

## O Others

*Globe picture on black card, heart stickers*

Here is planet earth. Our world looks the same from this distance and you might think that the people living on our planet are the same, but they aren't. There are people with lots of food and people with no food. There's people living where there is peace and people living where there is war and fighting. There's people who are well and people who are very sick. There are people who live in huge houses and people who have to live on the streets because they don't have a house.

God loves those people as much as he loves us. How can we show people they are valued and loved? What can we do to help them? (*Get ideas from children*). Take a heart sticker and stick it around the outside of the earth (*NOT ON IT*).

## P Please

*Rocket post box, black card, silver pens*

The American space program is run from a place call Houston. When the space ship Apollo had trouble they called Houston and said 'Houston, we've had a problem'. (*Note: It's not 'Houston we have a problem!'*)

Who do you talk to when you have problems? (*Ask the children for ideas*) Christians can talk to different people about their problems but they also talk to God about them.

Think about something you are worried about, or a problem that you have. Ask for help by writing a thought or a prayer on a black piece of card and posting it in the rocket.

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## Reception & Year 1

### I Identity

Show the children the picture of the solar system. Do they know what planet we live on? Think of how many people are in your class, then in your school, then your town, then our country and then the whole world! There are so many people!

Sometimes we can feel like we're too small for people to notice us or for us to be important, but Christians believe that God thinks each one of us is important and he loves each of us. Take a small piece of clay and mould it into a model of yourself. Your class has a planet. Put your model on your planet with the rest of your classmates and remember how important you all are to God.

### S Sorry

Have you ever done something and then wished you hadn't? (*Don't let them share*)

Sometimes you wish that thing you did would go away forever.

This is a pretend Black Hole. Does anyone know what a Black Hole is? A Black Hole is where the force of gravity is so strong that nothing can escape. That means that if something goes in there it's never coming back!

Christians believe that Jesus forgives us when we say we are sorry. He takes that thing that we've done and he gets rid of it, forever. It's a bit like throwing that thing you did into a black hole.

Think of something you wish you hadn't done and write the word 'sorry', or the letter 'S' or a sad face on a piece of paper. (*Pause and allow the children to do this*) Screw it up and throw it into the black hole remembering that you are forgiven.

### T Thanks

Ask the children to lie down, looking up at the star lights. Ask the children to listen as you read some of the Bible verses around the area. The people who wrote these Psalms in the Bible were wanting to say thank you to God for all he has made. Get the children to hold their hand up above their head and count their fingers. How many are there? In your head think of 5 things you want to say thank you for. (*Give them some time*). Write or draw the 5 things on the points of the star and peg them to the display (**not the lights**). (*Or get the children to tell you and you write one star for the whole group*)

### O Others

Here is planet earth. All around the world there are lots of different people. Some have lots of food and people have no food. How would you feel if you had no food? There's also people living where there is war and fighting and people living where it's peaceful. There are people who live in huge houses and people who have to live on the streets because they don't have a house.

God loves those people as much as he loves us. How can we look after other people who don't have as much as us? What can we do to help them? (*Get ideas from children*). Take a heart sticker and stick it around the outside of the earth (**NOT ON IT**).

### P Please

Who do you talk to when you have problems? (*Ask the children for ideas*) Christians can talk to different people about their problems but they also talk to God about them.

Think about something you are worried about, or a problem that you have. Ask for help by writing or drawing something you need help with on a black piece of card and posting it in the rocket as a thought or a prayer.