

## **THEME : Confidence and being Special for a KS1**

### **Intro**

Today's assembly is about how everyone is special and needs to know that they are. Every single one of us is different and special in this world and God made us that way

### **Puppets**

Introduce ideas re

Am I special

Questions like

Little Joe what are you good at.

**Boxes** one beautiful and fancy another tatty and plain

Inside decorative one place a valuable picture

Inside other place a thank you picture made by a child

### **Story in two voices**

Listen and decide what is special about Sam.

#### **Voice 1**

When Sam was little, he had a friend who went everywhere with him. His friend's name was Kahn and he wasn't shy, quiet or frightened of things like Sam was. He was a brave, yellow tiger, and as long as Kahn was around, Sam felt all right.

#### **Voice 2**

'He's only a stuffed toy,' said Sam's Mum. 'You don't need him.' But Sam thought he knew better.

By the time Sam started school, Kahn was almost worn out. His eyes had fallen out and his fur was all gone, and when Sam's Mum put him in the washing machine he fell to pieces. All that was left was a small piece of yellow cloth.

#### **Voice 1**

'That's still Kahn,' Sam said to his Mum.

'Don't be silly Sam,' said his Mum. 'It's just a bit of yellow cloth. You don't need that.'

But Sam thought he knew better. He put the piece of cloth in his pocket. 'Now it will be as though Kahn is at school with me,' he thought, 'and as long as he's there, I'll be all right.'

#### **Voice 2**

At school Sam worked hard and made lots of friends. He was still quiet and shy and sometimes frightened, but he remembered Kahn was safe in his pocket and that helped him.

### **Voice 1**

When Sam was in year one, some children kept bothering him. They pinched him under the table, they moved his book so his writing went wrong, and they kept giggling at him so he couldn't concentrate. At first he tried to ignore them. Then he began to get upset. He wanted to do his work well and he didn't want to get into trouble. But the children would not leave him alone.

### **Voice 2**

At first Sam didn't know what to do. And then he remembered Kahn. He felt deep inside his pocket. The piece of cloth was there and Sam held on tight to it. It was as though Kahn was there with him.

Almost at once, Sam could feel his courage rising. He could feel Kahn helping him. He remembered how tigers could growl and he opened his mouth and said loudly 'Leave me alone.'

Of course, the children didn't know Sam had Kahn to help him speak so loudly, and they nearly jumped out of their skins. In fact the whole classroom went quiet.

### **Voice 1**

'Are you all right, Sam?' asked the teacher. Sam looked at the children who had bothered him. He thought perhaps Kahn had helped him make sure they wouldn't bother him any more, so he said, 'Yes, I'm all right now, thank you,' and got quietly on with his work. He felt very pleased. 'Thank you, Kahn,' he whispered.

In year two, Sam was playing with his friends in the playground when he noticed a boy from another class sitting by himself. He looked as though he'd been crying. Three children were standing close to him. Sam went over to the boy and asked what was wrong. He just shook his head and wouldn't tell, but Sam could hear the three children saying unkind things about the boy.

### **Voice 2**

Sam was a bit frightened of the three children but, even so, he could feel himself getting angry about what they were doing and he wanted to help the boy.

Then he remembered Kahn. He felt deep inside his pocket and held tight on to the piece of cloth. Once he knew that Kahn was there, he felt himself get braver. He took a deep breath and said very loudly, '**Leave him alone.**'

### **Voice 1**

The three children looked very startled to hear Sam with such a strong voice. They didn't know he had Kahn to help him. They looked a bit ashamed of themselves and walked away.

'Why don't you come and play with us?' Sam said to the boy.

'Great,' he said, 'thanks.' Sam was pleased.

'Thank you, Kahn,' he whispered.

## **Questions**

What did Sam do to make himself brave ?  
What could he do once he was brave enough ?  
How was he special?  
Would you like to be Sam's friend why?

## **Reflection**

God thank you for making each one of us special. Thank you for:-

Those of us who are kind-hearted.  
Those of us good at sharing.  
Those of us good at telling jokes.  
Those of us who take care of others in the playground  
Those good at making things for us  
Those good at listening when we are worried.

We know you have made each one of us is different and because of that we have a lot of fun and so much more to share.