

Lesson Plan "Elizabeth Fry & the Prisoners in Newgate Prison"
Key Stage 1 [Year 2] Key Stage 2 [Year 3]

Learning Objectives

[RE & History]

- To be able to explain that Elizabeth Fry was a Quaker who lived 200 years ago.
- To be able to explain that although she was from a rich family her Quaker beliefs lead her to help poor prisoners.
- To know how Elizabeth Fry helped women & children in prison.

[PSHE]

- To see how treating others with respect can lead to positive outcomes.

Resources

- Story of Elizabeth Fry & the women in prison. *See Quakers in the World web-site, article in "the Friend" 25 November 2011 p 10 & 11 "The Angel of Newgate" by Deborah Swiss, bbc.co.uk/religions website*
- Enlarged photocopy of Elizabeth Fry reading to prisoners at Newgate 1823 or picture on Interactive whiteboard
- Photocopied drawings of Elizabeth Fry, women prisoners & their children [one holding a baby] and Quakers seated in Meeting.
- Cardboard boxes to be made into theatres
- Thin cardboard to back characters
- Stiff card for reinforcements/strips to move figures
- Paper to make proscenium arch, curtains & backdrops
- Glue & scissors
- Colouring pencils

Starter

Show children a picture of Elizabeth Fry reading to prisoners at Newgate prison 1823. What can they tell about her from the picture? Does she look like a rich person? Why? Are there any rich people in the picture? Why do you think this? What can they tell about the other women in the picture? Why do they look the way they do? Compare pictures of wealthy people with EF. Why did she dress that way?

Main

Explain that EF was a Quaker & briefly explain Quaker values [simplicity, equality, looking for that of God in everyone in particular].

Explain a little about social conditions & the "rich man in his castle, poor man at his gate" mindset.