









FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
13	1	2	WORSHIP	Senses and Materials	55: The Kiss of Peace

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes
(Mod. = Module Number, Module Theme - in the heading, Module Title - uppercase in the cell, Lesson Num [NO. column] and Title)

							
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Tick the appropriate box(es) above [copy this: ☒] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

Prayer: Trisagion Prayers

Starter: Brief discussion: "In what sense are our fellow believers brothers and sisters in the Church?"

Learning objectives: To appreciate the new relationship we have in Christ with one another in terms of father, mother, brother, sister and the expression of that in love.

Core Activities and Learning (1-6: Explain and Discuss, 7: Activity)

1. Read: John 19:25-29 and Matthew 12:46-50
2. Explain: A new non-blood relationship exists between us all in Christ. At the foot of the Cross before Christ who died in love for all, the Lord creates a new mother-son relationship between St John and His (Christ's) own Mother. It is the cross and resurrection of Christ that creates this new relationship between the believers as they are reconciled AND united to God and one another. In any Christian community, horizontally, all are brothers and sisters (not just monks) and are often called as such. Vertically, hierarchically, but always in service and sacrificial love, leaders are always fathers and mothers to us all. Consider St Paul's understanding of his own role as a spiritual father in 1 Corinthians 4:15 (read). Christ's teaching in Matthew 12:46-50 is that this new relationship is made possible as we do the will of the Father. We have a new relationship with each other, therefore, when we respond to God's sacrificial love in lives sacrificed for Him and the good of others. This is the will of the Father.
3. After explaining the theological basis for our new familial relationship with one another in Christ, invite the students to consider what we do to SHOW our love for one another in the Church. This concerns two things: The Kiss of Peace and Making Peace. Both involve true (and, of course, appropriate) affection for one another and signs of that affection.
4. Show this short video of the clergy exchanging the Kiss of Peace in the altar: <https://youtu.be/k4fkxLsSirA> It happens before the Creed to show that we must speak the truth in love, (Ephesians 4:15). In some Orthodox parishes, this practice has also been reintroduced in the congregation.
5. In this extract, Fr Alexander Schmemmann explains the vital importance of showing the warm of love to each other. <http://incommunion.org/2009/06/23/the-kiss-of-peace/>
6. Making Peace in the Church means being reconciled to one another so that our affection is not false or hypocritical. This means, above all else, forgiving each other for the wrongs we have committed against each other, (cf. Matthew 5:23-24 – read). Consider Vespers of Clean Monday offered on the evening of Forgiveness Sunday. We prostrate ourselves before one another and ask for forgiveness. This is making peace (Matthew 5:9 - read) and we take that life and message out into the world.
7. **ACTIVITY:** Each student is given a small piece of paper. He or she quietly and privately writes on the paper: "I forgive X for" and completes the sentence. "X" MUST NOT BE NAMED. Multiple entries are to be encouraged. The slips are folded, collected up and mixed up in a bag. Each student draws out a piece of paper and reads it out quietly. At the end the students stand and circles and, starting with one student, each turns to his / her neighbour, holds hands and says: "The Peace of Christ" ... response: Now and always" ... one after the other until complete.

Resources: Bible, laptop / tablet, paper, pens, bag.

Review: We have a new relationship with each other in Jesus Christ. He is our Peace and we to be at peace and make peace.

Follow Up: Review the learning of this module.