

Come and See 2025

Children: Week 2

I'm Chastity.

My name is Cherry.

You are how old?

Nine.

Question 1: How does it feel when we say or do something that's unkind?

Sometimes it makes you get little bit emotional.

It feels so sad and if you do it over and over again you might go to the- or tell your parents.

It feels quite, you know, upsetting, and like it makes you feel like you don't really belong.

We feel sad. Sorry about that.

We feel really bad, and we feel like we need to say sorry at them, but sometimes you just find it really hard to say sorry when you've argued with them.

Question 2: How does it feel when we say sorry?

It feels very kind when you say sorry and you feel like your friendship is going to go to a new level.

It feels nice.

A little bit fine but still sad.

It feels so much better, like the problem has been solved in it. We can just move on.

Is it easy to say sorry?

Sometimes it is, sometimes it's not.

Well, it feels a bit better but nothing can be the same.

It feels like a pressure, like a weight has been lifted off your shoulders and like you feel like better and like more happy.

Waters of cleansing

Hi, it's Charlie again. Hopefully you watched last week's Come and See for Schools and Families. And we're thinking about baptism over these six sessions. Last week we thought about what it meant to be made or fashioned from earth. This week we're going to think about what it means to be made clean by the waters of cleansing, waters that make us clean.

I wonder if you've ever been really mucky and muddy. I used to do a lot of sport when I was younger, and I loved doing my sliding tackles when I was playing football, and your knees would get so muddy and your elbows, it would get mud in your hair, under your fingernails, and then you know, at the end of the match you felt great, but actually you definitely needed a bath, and there was nothing better than to sink into a really hot bath and just watch all that mud and grime come off.

And if you like, that's a cleaning of the outer self. And we spend a lot of time, don't we, as humans thinking about our outward appearance. I've got three

teenage children; they spend a lot of time thinking about how they look on the outside.

We might spend a lot of time thinking about the outside, but do we necessarily always feel clean and good on the inside?

And if you look at the TV, TV adverts for example, everything's always made to look rather perfect. You may be already coming across social media, things like TikTok and Instagram. And again, people spend a lot of time trying to make everything look perfect on the outside.

But how do we feel on the inside? If we're honest, don't we often feel a little bit mucky on the inside? Maybe a bit guilty. We might be ashamed of something. Or it might be something that's hurt us and we're reacting to it. It might be that we've been involved in some bullying, or maybe just used some unkind words. Or maybe we just not stopped other people from doing that. Or it might be the way we've been treating our environment, our neighbourhood. We've not been looking after the world we live in.

And sometimes it's doing things that makes us feel mucky, sometimes it's *not* doing or saying things that we should.

Well, the good news is for Christians that they believe that you can leave all of that muck behind in the bath. You can take a new path; that you can say sorry and be freed from all of that. You can say sorry to God and you can say sorry to other people, those you might have hurt.

And Christians believe that Jesus invites us to do that and that he takes them up, in fact, off us. And he then gives us his Holy Spirit to come and dwell in us, inside us and to start transforming us and changing us from the inside.

What an invitation. What a possibility.

So that's all for this week. If you're doing the Space Maker exercises, you might want to try Noticing now. That keys in really well to this week's talk. See you next week for our next talk.