

## Year 2-Term 3

<b>Week 3:</b>	<b>Blame</b>
<b>Strand:</b>	<b>Love of Self</b>
<b>Age:</b>	<b>Year 2</b>
<b>Aim:</b>	<b>To inspire the students to refrain from blaming others and instead self-reflect and take self-responsibility</b>
<b>Resources:</b>	<b>Paper, Crayons</b>

**Conversation:** Hi everyone. Today I would like to talk with you about blame. (Invite answers from students after every question) Who knows what it means to blame someone for something? What does it look and sound like? Is it always wrong to blame someone? What if they actually did something unloving? Let's look at some situations!

- 1) Sally's mum has asked her to carry a pile of library books to the car. When she gets to the car, Sally tries to balance the pile while opening the door. The books tumble to the ground and Sally shouts "Mum, you made me drop the books. You gave me too big a pile and you didn't open the door for me."  
**Discussion:** (After each question, invite comments from students): Who thinks that Sally's mum is to blame for this? Why? Why not? What could Sally have done differently to avoid dropping the books?
- 2) Norma has been playing with Lego on the floor and hasn't tidied it up. Tom walks past, reading a book, trips over the Lego creations and breaks his leg. He blames Norma for this.  
**Discussion:** (After each question, invite comments from students): How do you feel about this one? Do you feel Norma did something unloving? Explain. What about Tom, do you think he did something unloving? What could they both have done to be loving?
- 3) Svenya is swinging peacefully when Laura comes along and knocks her off the swing.  
**Discussion:** (After each question, invite comments from students): Do you feel Laura is to blame? This one looks pretty obvious, hey? But what if for the last three lunch breaks Laura has pushed Svenya off the swing for no reason? Does that now make it loving for Laura to do it back? And what if Svenya is playing tag and not looking where she is going and knocks Laura off on accident? It's always important to look at the intention of people as well, hey.
- 4) Who would you like to make up a situation where someone is being blamed or tell us about an event that has happened to you and we all look at what happened there?

**Sharing:** Have you ever been blamed by someone? What did it feel like?

**Creativity:** Draw how you feel when you are blamed for something you didn't do.

**Conclusion:** Blaming others is never a loving choice. When we blame someone, we are not taking responsibility for our own actions and attractions. It is much better to look at your part in the situation you have attracted and feel the emotions the incident brings up in you without acting on the feelings (i.e. anger, frustration, fear). Pause to think about the loving course of action and go with that.