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## Story Day at Coventry Cathedral

### Session Two – OPENNESS

#### Learning outcomes:

- Pupils will recognise that we all see things from different perspectives and that if we are open to the ideas of others we may see something new.
- Pupils will be able to talk confidently about what they know and have experienced in order to help others see new perspectives.
- Pupils will feel confident that when voices are brought together new information can be revealed.

#### Session outline:

- 1) Using the globe, explain that we all live in part of the world and where we live will have an impact on how we view life - our worldview. We can see part of the world but not all of the world. Ask for four volunteers to come and help you explain a bit more. Ask one person to hold the globe up high above their heads and then the remaining three stand at different points around it - which country do they see? (America, Africa, Pacific Ocean) What do they know about that country? How do they know that? Let's imagine that you want to see more of the world so we put each of these people in a space rocket and ask them what they can see now? It doesn't matter how high we go; we will still only see one side of the world. If we want to know more, we have to talk to others about their worldview from a different perspective.

Finally ask the one holding the globe what they can see: Antarctica. Put the globe down and thank the volunteers.

- 2) Now we are going to think about something different that you have probably all had some experience of. If I say tiger I wonder what images come to mind? I am going to ask you to close your eyes and think about a tiger. What do you see? What does it look like? Working in pairs, can you describe to your partner what you saw in your imagination? Repeat.



the activity with the word man and then tiger again. This creates a three word story with a beginning, middle and end.

I hope that you can see that even with just a couple of words there are many different ways of seeing.

The places we have lived and the experiences we have had shape our worldview and impact the things that we notice. We are listening to stories with many more words than that so if we want to make the most of the stories we need to be open to hearing what others see as they hear the stories. They may see things from a different perspective that can help us see things that you had not seen before.

#### **Story telling activity:**

This time as you go into your story time can you try to be open to the possibility that what you see might be different to what others see. Can you be open to listening to other interpretations? This time you can sit in a circle and after you have heard the story you will each have a chance to share something that you noticed.

Again read the story once, share what you have noticed. As you explore what is being said, are you open to seeing things from another perspective. Take turns to share what you noticed in the story before listening again. I wonder what you noticed this time?

**Self-assessment:** At the end of this session, can you find your activity sheet and give yourself a rating from 1 – 10 on the different scales. How open do you think you are now that you have taken time to talk about what you see?