

# CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## A Competence Based Curriculum Approach

### BOOK FOUR NOTES



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# Theme; MAN'S HARMONIOUS CO-EXISTANCE

## CHAPTER 1

### Topic; PEACE

#### subtopic 1:1

### UNDERSTANDING PEACE

#### *Definition of Peace?*

*Peace* is a concept of societal friendship and harmony in the absence of hostility and violence.

**Or *Peace*** can also mean a state of harmony and being free from any disturbance.

**Or *Peace*** is a state or period when there is no war or war has ended.

#### **Causes of Instabilities in Different Units of Society**

Much as God has good plans for peace, there are many instances of instabilities in families, villages, schools, communities and the country.

In the activities that follow, a learner will find out the causes of instabilities in different units of society.

#### **Causes of instabilities in Families**

*(activity 1;2 fountain)*

#### **Qn. Identify common causes of lack of peace in families**

- High levels of unfaithfulness among the family members.
- Increased poverty levels which bring a lot of quarrels and abscondment of duty by partners.
- High levels of indiscipline between the partners and also the children with their parents.
- Lack of proper communication skills among the family members i.e. evidenced when there are disagreements between the family members.
- Differences in the religions i.e. when the husband and wife are in different religions, it brings religion wrangles and conflicts hence instabilities.
- Differences in the education levels of the partners in the family can cause instabilities i.e. one will claim to be more knowledgeable than the other.

- Differences in the traditions and cultures. This is evidenced by the Bagisu culture where by women call the uncircumcised men boys hence if they happen to be one, this can lead to a family instability.
- Differences in interests, preferences and behaviors of the family members also at times causes family instabilities.
- Lack of love and trust among the family members, this leads to cheating of one another hence a conflict in the family.
- Lack of prayer and knowing God in the family. This leads to many disorders like alcoholism with its associated evils, redundancy, immorality etc.
- Political differences among the family members also at times causes divisions in families.
- Forced or early marriages also tends to cause disorders in families.

**Qn. Give opinions on how you can create and maintain peace in a family**

- Being open to one another i.e. the parents and also the children.
- Being honest and loving one another despite the conditions in the family.
- Attaining guidance and counselling from the councilors whenever there is a problem in the family.
- Being faithful and humble to one another.
- Having proper communication and coordination amongst the family members.
- Being prayerful whenever there are hardships.
- Practicing team work so as to build the spirit of togetherness.
- Being submissive and obedient especially for the children to their parents and also women to their men.
- Being exemplary and also having mutual understanding to each other especially the family heads (fathers).
- Fronting forgiveness as the key to building personality for peace and harmony in families.
- Taking up decision making together as a family so as to avoid misunderstandings especially for the fathers and the mothers.
- Respecting each one's opinions and making proper resolutions to a given problem.

## **Causes of instabilities in Schools**

**(Activity 1:3 fountain)**

**Qn. Identify the causes of instabilities in schools today.**

- Lack of transparency between the administration to the staff and students.
- Poor services like diet, teaching etc. causes the students to strike.
- Too much restrictions and corporal punishments on the students at most cases also causes strikes hence an instability in schools.



- Misuse of the funds for other activities instead of running the school programs, like payment of staff, facilitating the learner's welfare also tends to cause instabilities in schools.
- Too much tribalism at times i.e. by the learners themselves and also administrative wise causes divisions.
- Differences in religions also tends to fuel up instabilities in schools since each religion needs to be recognized.
- Discrimination in the age, sex and colour at times causes instabilities. i.e. there is increased segregation.
- Influence of drug addicts like alcohol, cocaine, etc. addicts due to being insane and influenced by drugs can cause strikes, damage leading to instabilities in schools.
- High levels of immorality attract children upbringing with wrong, pagan and indecent values e.g. homosexuality etc. which creates a bad reputation for a school.
- Increased levels of permissiveness of the learners at schools at times makes it difficult to control them leading to instabilities in schools today.

## **strikes**

### **Qn. What is a strike?**

This is a collective refusal by employees or any entity to work under the given required condition.

### **Effects of strikes to the students and the rest of the staff members in schools.**

- There is rampant death of innocent souls. i.e. students and staff members that could be useful in the nation in the future.
- Damage of valuable property e.g. documents etc. when the institution is set on fire.
- Disruption of academic activities i.e. the normal studies are put on hold.
- This strikes also lead to conflicts between parents and school managements. Parents tend to blame the management for poor management.
- Create a negative attitude towards the school and school management after one or more strikes. This leads to loss of trust and drop in the level of a particular school.
- Also have effects on the student's attitude. i.e. lowers the level of academic performance and indiscipline since the students take a lot of their time being rebellious instead of concentration.
- Strikes also cause positive changes in school in that it exposes the school administrative weaknesses.
- Learners views and demands are also at times considered out of the influence of strikes. i.e. diets, academical programs etc.
- Leads to detention of students to prison and also expulsion of others for miss

conducts and bad behaviors at school.

- Leads to loss of money and also banning of the school for misconduct and being un able to provide proper services for the school operative procedures.
- Leads to increased school dropout rates.

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