



A C T I V I T Y



S K I L L S

Case Study – the Imam and the Pastor (Nigeria)

Students consider an example of where dialogue has been used to help build peace.

Please feel free to substitute a more culturally appropriate case study if relevant.

What happens when we don't listen to one another?

Ask your students to read the “when people forget to listen” worksheet. Alternatively, read the worksheet out loud to them.

Make the link between the student's skills in this lesson (listening to others, engaging in dialogue, group work and empathy) whilst understanding the conflict and the peace building efforts.

Show your class the 10 minute clip from the film “the Imam and the Pastor” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oapAA0XUaH4>). Please note that there are some distressing images in this film so ensure you are comfortable with your students watching it before showing it.

The film is an inspiring story which describes the transformation that took place in the lives of Imam Muhammad Ashafa and Pastor Jame Wuye in Nigeria, moving them from armed militia members to co-workers on reconciliation efforts.

As students watch the film ask them to write down the things that stick out to them most about what they see and hear. After the film is finished ask them to share these thoughts with the person sitting next to them and then use these thoughts to start a class discussion.

Discuss:

- *Causes of the conflict*
- *Barriers to peace*
- *The role of dialogue in building peace – use the two quotes from Imam Ashafa and Pastor James to stimulate discussion on this from page 2 of the worksheet.*

Finally, ask the students to reflect on where they think that there are peace related issues in their community. Could dialogue be used to help build peace in this situation too?

Active Listening
Cooperation
Critical Thinking
Global Awareness
Living with Difference
Questioning
Reflection
Religious Literacy

Further Resources:

The Pastor and the Imam talk about their peace-building project in Kenya's Rift Valley after the post-election violence in 2008, when around 1,000 people were killed and tens of thousands displaced from their homes and farms: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-11734436>.

A transcript of an interview with Pastor James and Imam Ashafa in which they talk about their history and work: <http://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/interviews/a-discussion-with-pastor-james-wuye-and-imam-muhammad-ashafa>

For more in depth information on Nigeria and the conflict situation there visit the Tony Blair Faith Foundation's Religion and Geopolitics website: <http://tonyblairfaithfoundation.org/religion-geopolitics/country-profiles/nigeria>

Extract from a videoconference between a UK and Nigerian school involving Tony Blair, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Sultan of Sokoto: <http://tonyblairfaithfoundation.org/foundation/news/action-reconciliation-nigeria>

For more information on religion in Nigeria you can view this film in which John Campbell, former US Ambassador for Nigeria, answers 5 questions about religion in Nigeria: <http://tonyblairfaithfoundation.org/religion-geopolitics/commentaries/backgrounder/five-questions-onreligion-nigeria>

If you wish to purchase the full film about Pastor James and Imam Ashafa to show to your class you can do so here: www.fltfilms.org.uk.