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Please, Thank You, and Sorry

An extension of Magazine says sorry for treating non-white cultures unfairly

Read “**Magazine says sorry for treating non-white cultures unfairly**” (page 14, *What’s Up* May issue). National Geographic’s editor, Susan Goldberg, knows the value of an apology. She is apologising for something that had nothing to do with her — the racist stories were published before she was born. But, she knew that saying “sorry” can help make things better.

“Sorry” is one of the most powerful words we have. Another two are “thank you” and “please”. So much so, these three words are sometimes called the “magical words”. There are even songs about them. You may know a couple of them. Do the following activity to convince younger kids to say “please”, “thank you” and “sorry” more often.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Divide your class into six groups of nearly equal numbers. As you will have to sing together, it may help for each group to have someone who plays a musical instrument. It is also fine to sing a cappella, without any musical instruments.
2. Decide who your audience is going to be: the younger, the better. For instance, your group may wish to perform for a primary 1 class, or your own younger siblings. It is important to bear your audience in mind when you plan your presentation.
3. Within your group, list all the songs you know that are about saying “please”, “thank you” and “sorry”. You may include songs that mention only one or two of these.

To get you started, here are three short video songs for your group to view:

Barney: Please and Thank You Song — barneyandbj

⇒ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3CgwV3o7AM>

Say Please, Sorry and Thank You! — ChuChu TV

⇒ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XpcM-vE_swg

Please and Thank You — TinyGrads

⇒ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOrC64u_Qjc

3. Select the song your group wants to perform. Better still, compose your own ditty. A ditty is a short, simple song with a catchy tune. Rehearse singing your song. Include an introduction to explain why these three magical words are good to use.
4. Perform your song for your special audience. Let’s hope that your singing will make the kids say “please”, “thank you”, and “sorry” at the right times from then on!