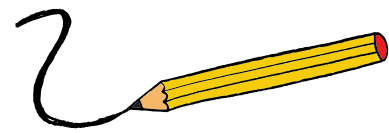


ACTIVITY 1

HAPPY LAND



I am developing respect for others and my understanding of their beliefs and values.

RME 2–07a

I am developing an increasing awareness and understanding of my own beliefs and I put them into action in positive ways.

RME 2–08a

I am developing my understanding that people have beliefs and values based upon religious or other positions. RME 2–09b

TASK A

During David's travels through Africa as a missionary explorer he experienced some terrible things. During his first travels there he was attacked by a lion! He survived this but was ill many times after that. Many and many of his friends died from tropical diseases. At times, some of his expedition crew stole his belongings, which included important medicine that meant that he became more and more sick. He sometimes struggled to get food and clean water. He also found himself in many dangerous situations.

As well as these physical hardships, he was affected emotionally and psychologically by the horrors of the East African slave trade.

Throughout his life, David found solace in his Christian faith. When he felt lonely, sad or angry he had a favourite hymn (a Christian song) that helped to motivate him on his mission. The lyrics for There is a Happy Land were written by Scottish school teacher Andrew Young in 1838.

What do you think the Happy Land means? In this song, The Happy Land refers to Heaven and the word 'aye' translates as 'always' or 'forever'. Search for the lyrics to the hymn online. **Why do you think the words were a comfort to David?**

TASK B

What is your favourite song? How does it make you feel? Draw a picture of where your 'Happy Place' might be.

