

Discussion in St John sub Castro Churchyard

Have the children walk down into the clearing at the bottom of the churchyard in silence, taking care of the uneven ground.

Discussion

- What do you hear, see, feel?
- Depending on the children's experience, explain what a churchyard is and that gravestones are markers placed by the deceased's family and friends.
- Explain that this is an old churchyard and people are no longer buried here.
- Have children randomly choose question cards below and discuss.
- One card is blank for you to insert your own question.

Why do you think we have churchyards and cemeteries?

Why do you think people chose particular gravestones for their friends or family?

What do you think the churchyard and gravestones meant to the people who have friends or family buried here?

How do you think the churchyard will look a hundred years from now?

How do you feel about this area?