



Journeys in the Spirit



Children's work

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Topical Activity

Children and demonstrations



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Children may have seen or heard about the recent demonstrations in London and elsewhere in Scotland, Wales and England. This is a picture of children in London in 2007 on a demonstration about plans to reduce the school dinner service. It was organised by dinner ladies.

It is important that children feel that they can comment and have thoughts, feelings and opinions about what is happening in the news – it can often appear to be scary. It might also be exciting.

Use the picture as a way to begin a conversation. What do children think is happening? Why might people, including children, be doing this? What do they think the children feel? What do they think about little children doing this? Have they seen or heard anything about other demonstrations in London or elsewhere? Try to ask questions that allow children to express their thoughts and feelings without thinking there is a right answer that you want to hear. Is there anything that they would like to tell people about and maybe ask Meeting for support with? Their neighborhood, their school.....?