

THE WORLD JIG – SAW PUZZLE

Intent of this story.:

- ✓ *To stress the need we have in the world for a change of heart and attitudes.*
- ✓ *Changing structures and laws is not enough to bring peace and unity into our world*
- ✓ *If men and women all over the world would be loving and just, the world would be at opeace.*
- ✓ *Change has to begin within us not without us.*

A STORY.

A child was told to place together the pieces of a jumbo jig-saw puzzle of the world map. However much he tried, he could not succeed. Then, someone gave the child a clue. He said: “Look at the back of the pieces of the world jig-saw map. On the reverse, you will find the pieces of a drawing of a full-size man.

If you manage to put the bits of the man’s jigsaw together, you will easily succeed in piecing together the world map

The child did as he was told, and with ease he completed the entire jig-saw. When a picture of an attractive and smiling man emerged, the child with surprise, discovered that at the back of the man’s picture the the world map was in perfect order.

Points for Reflection and Discussion

1. What lessons we can draw from the story of the Jig-saw puzzle? Mention them.
2. Can a divided world like ours, broken into so many pieces by prejudices, conflicting interests and factions be put together by means of laws, force and repression? Why?
3. Who fashioned the world’s socio-political and economical structures? What for? How?
4. What power and influence the existing structures yield on us all – men and women? Why? Can we free ourselves from their power? How?
5. Could a change in the economical, social and political world structures bring unity and peace into our world? Why?
6. Then, how could such a change be brought about?
7. Explain: the following sentences:
 - Man, made the structures, now the structures fashion man.
 - Human society and its structures, as they stand today, are unjust and oppressive, yet structures are a must.
 - A change in structures without a change in men’s hearts’ is a chimera.
 - The first step towards building a new world’s order is to build new men and new women.
 - Christ primarily came to our world, to change: us – men and women – not the world’s structures?

