From Romans Age 6-8 – SAMPLE LESSON

4) Visiting The Marketplace

Gather the children and explain that next we are going to the Marketplace to have a look at what is happening there as Caesar will be coming there soon.

Ask then what the Roman market place will be like. People will be selling all kinds of things.

Ask the children what there would be for sale at a Roman market.

Divide the class into groups of people selling from market stalls. Make sure each group choose different things to sell.

Ask the groups to call out what they are selling and to offer bargains and try to attract people to their stall.

e.g. get your chickens here only two asses for 4 chickens.

Each person in the group can think of something to say and then they say their calls in turn and then all together at the same time.
Give some time to practice this and then hear each group.

***In a classroom setting the children could be divided around tables to sell their wares**.

You can then orchestrate the market place atmosphere by starting off one group and adding in the others one at a time until everyone is calling. Then one by one wind down the exercise.

Talk to the class about bartering and give an example in role, the teacher uses one of the selling groups and tries to bring the price down.

Now split the class in two. One group is the sellers beginning their calls and the other go into the market as buyers. You can then switch over.

Explain that Caesar will be entering the market and everyone will have to bow as he passes. If he wishes to buy something or ask about a particular item they must be ready to give an answer.

The teacher can then be in role as Caesar with an Advisor (choose student to help) pointing out attractive stalls and goods to sample.

You can again give turns to different Caesar and Advisor and the students will love repeating the exercise with the different Caesars and Advisors.

***This bartering exercise can simply be done in pairs.**

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