



Worship from Wherever!

The Good Samaritan

18th-22nd January 2021

Whilst some of our children are working from home, our weekly Collective Worship will be shared for all pupils through our 'Worship from Wherever' resources. These will be provided on a weekly basis, with activities to be completed throughout the week at your own pace and where time allows; we would not necessarily expect you to complete all activities. You may want to share some of the things you have been doing through the homework@nashmills.herts.sch.uk email address.

This week's focus is around the story of The Good Samaritan, which is the basis of our new school vision and values-based approach. In the coming weeks and months, we will be learning more about this story and thinking about the themes that it presents; compassion, love for others and for oneself and the ability to treat others as you would wish to be treated. The intention is that this story will help us to steer our school's wider development moving forward.

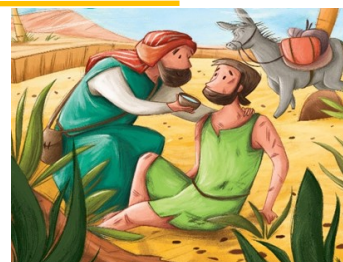
Compassion means to support others as they go through difficult times and is needed in different ways at the moment, both for ourselves and for others. Christians are encouraged to remember that God knows and shares their troubles and, along with all of our friends and family members, can provide comfort in difficult times.

Who do you think needs compassion at the moment?

How could you show compassion to others and also to yourself?

Online Session

To start the week, there will be a shared video available on our school website from Monday morning. All pupils in school will be watching this and we would encourage pupils at home to do so too. This will help us all to continue to work together as a whole-school family. The video will also set up activities for the rest of the week.



A Home Reflection Space

Some people like to create a special place in their homes where they can go to be still, think and reflect. At the present time, it might be a place you show compassion to yourself and gives you some reflective time to think. If you think this would be helpful to you, why not create your own space? Some questions to help you think about it are:

- Where will it go? Will it be somewhere quiet? Warm? Cosy?
- What would you like it to include? Cushions? A pad of paper to write on?
- Perhaps you could add some words or objects which help you to think about this week's theme of compassion?

The Good Samaritan in Art

Have a look at the two pictures provided (larger copies are on our website). Talk to an adult about what you can see in the pictures:

- What is the same about them?
- What is different?
- Which is your favourite? Why?
- How well do they show us the importance of helping others?
- Why has the top picture used a cross for the man's shadow?

Try to design your own picture to show the main meaning of The Good Samaritan story (you could ask an adult to help you with this too). You can use any equipment or tools you would like to do this.

Please share anything you do on our homework@ email address or on our Twitter page.



Compassion Dice

You will need a die for this reflective activity. For each number between 1-6, allocate someone you know who you think might need compassion at this



time (e.g. 1 = a friend, 2 = a family member, 3 = yourself). Roll the die. For the person whose number comes up, spend some time thinking or discussing how you might show them compassion over the next few days. If you'd like to, you might even offer up a prayer.

As you finish, maybe choose two or three things that you are going to try to do to help the people you have been thinking about.

Our School Vision

Having spent time thinking about The Good Samaritan story, read our school's vision (which is on our website). With an adult, talk about the following points:

- How does this link to the story?
- What do we do at school which follows the story? How are we compassionate to others? How do we help those around us?
- As a school, we talk about being part of a 'family'. How does this link to the story?
- What else could we do at school to be even better 'Good Samaritans'?

Lord, we thank you for being with us at this time. Thank you for the love and comfort which you give to us during this national lockdown. Please show us ways that we can be more compassionate – to ourselves, to others, and to the world.

Amen