



Theme: Compassion Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37

1	Snack idea	Biscuits, toast or Jammie Dodger	Theme link - the heart in the middle of the Jammie Dodger
2	Craft or Game	Craft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decorate biscuits with a smiley face, a love heart or a first aid cross. (could be used as the snack). Bandages to bandage up each other. 
3	Lighting the candle	Use the same words as the school when lighting the candle.	 
4	Welcome	Song: Prayer:	You could use ' welcome everybody ' by Fischy music You could use this gathering prayer by Sam Hargreaves  
5	Collect	Say: A collect is a gathering prayer	The collect for the day can be found here: Join us in a service of Daily Prayer The Church of England , then select Morning Prayer and scroll to the end to find the collect.   
6	Bible passage	Say: We are reading a story (that has been adapted) from the Bible today so that we can hear God's word and learn about Him.	Ideas to re-tell the story: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Godly Play, see: parable of the good samaritan Use Lego, see Building Faith brick by brick Emily Slichter Given, this story is in book 1 (green cover). Two ideas on the 'All age resources' website: A puppet script and a short talk – both may need changing for your context: www.allageworshipresources.org Free to use PowerPoint provided by the Bible Society here Video presentations: watch Saddlebackkids Assembly style idea: Draw faces on fruit, briefly re-tell the story, using the fruit as the characters, the banana as the man who was travelling. Use pears as the Priest, and the Levite and the orange as the Samaritan. www.ministry2kidz.com        
7	Biblical link	Why it matters	Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan to teach us an important life lesson, to help others. When we do this, we demonstrate our feelings of compassion. Many people may think about helping others, having the intention to help others is good but it is acting on that intention that is what Jesus calls us to do. The Samaritan didn't care about who the injured person was, he just knew that he needed help. It is clear from this parable that we have a choice. The priest and the temple assistant did not help the wounded man, they chose to walk on by. God does not make us do anything; he allows us the freedom of choice; we can choose to act on our feelings of compassion to others or we can choose to turn away.  

8 Take away response

Say: How will you respond to the message we have heard from God today?

(Psalm 82:3-4) asks us to: 'defend the weak ... uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked'.



What will you choose? This parable expresses the need of a totally helpless person he was left half dead, but there are countless other levels of need:

- someone who is homeless may need a drink or a sandwich,
- a friend may need you, to just be there,
- you may need to write a letter to your MP about something you have seen which is wrong.
- As adults when you next buy a coffee ask if they have a system to pay for one in advance for others.
- When you next see someone on the playground on their own, go and be with them – even if they aren't in your friendship circle or even your year.
- Each week at the supermarket buy something extra for the Foodbank.

How are you going to respond to God's call to show compassion by caring for others? Maybe you want to put a diary note in your phone to remind you to act.

9 Prayer

Say: We say prayers to talk to God ...

Interactive prayer ideas:

- Have plasters ask everyone to come forward and stick a plaster to a cross as they think about a situation or a person that needs love and care.
- Use shortish lengths of wool, add beads to the wool for situations or people that need love and care, take this home to remind you to pray for those situations or people.



Lord, help us to see the needs of others around us.

Help us to see the people in our communities as you do. Amen.

10 Song

Say: We sing songs to praise God and thank God

Mighty to Save by Hillsong Worship.

Freely, Freely by Carol Owens

The Lord is gracious and compassionate by Graham Ord

Great is Thy Faithfulness by Austin Stone Worship

**11 The Lord's Prayer**

Use the same version as the school.

Ask people to pray using whichever version they know

**12 Blessing**

Say: We are now to go out, empowered by Jesus' special presence with us.

The Lord bless you and keep you, make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. Now and forever. Amen.

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the path of the intellect



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the journey of mystery



Emotions
the way of the emotions



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The road to justice

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