



Theme: Serve one another

Book: Have you filled a bucket today by Carol McCloud

Reflection on last week's faith in action, with the families.

**What** was last week's action?

**How** did that make you feel?

**Why** did that make a difference?



Prayer time

Loving God, help these children to learn how to always be kind and caring to others. Amen.

Inspiration ...

Biblical References:

Mark 12 30-31

Love the Lord you god with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

1 Corinthians 1:27

Love your neighbour as yourself.  
There is no commandment greater than these.

SNACK TIME

Jammy dodgers

SONGS

Use musical instruments

'If you're happy and you know it.'

Additional resources:

A re-telling of the story on Youtube  
<https://youtu.be/JEg38zCOMgk>  
Bucket sheet

Theme Introduction:

The Bible tells us that everyone has a part to play in God's world – working together to make a caring community. This heart-warming story colourfully demonstrates that loving and caring for others also makes us feel happy and loved.

Expressing our love and affection to others motivates children to do the same. Loving others also involves serving them. When we love others, we do things for them without expecting anything in return. We do things we may not like to do and that will cost or inconvenience us, in some way.

Making a caring community is important for toddler groups as these are places where parents/carers can support, love and serve each other.

Theme exploration:

Being happy isn't just a feeling; it's something that we can carry with us all day. We can make ourselves happy by making other people happy. Jesus asks us all to love our neighbour as ourself.

This means caring for other people around us. We can love them by doing things for them, sharing things with them, spending time with them and being friends with them.

Free play suggestion:

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- Have some buckets out and some toys the children can use to fill their buckets.



I wonder what makes you happy.

I wonder what do you do that makes other people happy.

Craft ideas:

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- Print off the bucket sheet, have some sequins, sparkly materials or crayons so the children can fill their buckets with drawings or sparkly treasures.



I wonder what treasures you would put in your bucket.

How can you use your treasures to show someone else love.

Faith in action: Serve someone this week by doing something that you wouldn't normally do for them.