

Compassion



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Then it will truly be love.

1 John 3:18

KINGDOM BEHAVIOUR

Lesson 18: *The Good Samaritan* (Condensed Version)

Saint Matthew's Anglican Church Children's Ministries

COMPASSION (Scripture: Luke 10:25-37)

Year 2. Kingdom Life
Unit 6: Kingdom Behaviour

Objectives: To explain that: *The Good Samaritan obeyed the commandment to “love your neighbour as yourself” when he helped the man in need. *“Compassion” means to feel sorry for someone in need **and** to do something about it. *God is full of compassion. Jesus is the Good Samaritan for us. He rescued us from sin when we could not rescue ourselves and he placed us in the Church for our continued healing. *We need to put our love into action for it to truly be love. *The Holy Spirit in us helps us to show this love to others.

Review & "I Wonder" Questions: (*Hold up God's Good Rules poster*) We have learned that the 10 Commandments can be summarized in the two greatest commandments of loving God and loving our neighbour. Let's read these two commandments together: (*Read verse on God's Good Rules poster*) (*Hold up Fruit of the Spirit poster*) We also learned that it is the Holy Spirit living inside of us that changes our hearts and helps us to love God and others. When we stay connected to Jesus, the Fruit of the Spirit grows in our lives. Let's read together the verse about the Fruit of the Spirit: (*Read verse on Fruit of the Spirit poster*) **Today** we will look more closely at what it **means** to love our neighbour as ourselves. (*Point to today's poster*) *What do you see in this picture? ***I wonder** why the man in the picture is hurt. *I wonder how he is feeling. *I wonder who is helping him. *I wonder what the word “compassion” means. Let's find out more in our lesson...

Lesson Props: Lesson posters: 16 - God's Good Rules, 17 – The Fruit of the Spirit. Bible for reading today's story (NIRV or other easy version)
Lesson Summary: Let's start by reading the Bible verse. (*Ask child to read verse on today's poster*) This verse talks about putting our love into action. Today we are going to hear a story Jesus told about a good Samaritan who put his love into action when he helped a Jewish man who was hurt. The Jews and the Samaritans did not like each other, but this Samaritan still helped the Jewish stranger. Jesus told this story to explain what it means to love our neighbour as ourselves. “Our neighbour” means all people because every person in the world is made in God's image and loved by him. Let's read the story now from the Gospel of Luke. While you listen, think about which person kept the commandment to love their neighbour: the priest, the Levite, or the Samaritan. (*Read Luke 10:30-35 from the Bible*) Now, who do you think was a good neighbour to the man who was beaten by the robbers: the priest, the Levite, or the Samaritan? Yes, it was the Samaritan. He did what was right and good. What are some of the ways that the Good Samaritan helped the wounded man? (*Children respond*) Yes, he did all that! The Good Samaritan understood that loving your neighbour means not just **talking** about love but **doing** something to help those who are in need. The Good Samaritan showed **compassion** to the injured man. (*Point to “compassion”*) To show compassion means to feel sorry for someone in need **and** to do something about it. The Good Samaritan put his love into action. That is what it means to love your neighbour as yourself. The Bible says that God is full of compassion. Jesus didn't just **tell** this story, he actually **lived it out** himself. Jesus **is** the Good Samaritan for **us**. He rescued us from sin when we could not rescue ourselves. He paid the debt we could not pay when he died for our sins on the cross. And just like the Samaritan placed the wounded man in the inn, so Jesus placed us in the Church for our continued healing. Jesus showed us great compassion, and he calls us to follow his example. What are some ways we can be like Jesus and put our love into action and help people who are in need? (*Children respond*) Yes, these are some great examples. We can ask the Holy Spirit to help us to love our neighbour as ourselves, to put our love into action, to be kind, and show compassion.

Suggested Questions: ***What does this story tell us about Jesus?** (Jesus cares about those in need, and he wants us to care about them too) ***Is everyone our neighbour?** (Yes, everyone is made in God's image and loved by him) ***What does it mean to love your neighbour as yourself?** (Putting your love into action and helping others who are in need.) ***What does “compassion” mean?** (To feel sorry for someone and to do something about it.) ***(In what ways is Jesus the Good Samaritan for us?** (Rescued us from sin when we could not rescue ourselves, and placed us in the Church for our continued healing)

Bible Memory Verse: “Dear children, don't just talk about love. Put your love into action. Then it will truly be love.” 1 John 3:18 (NIRV)