

Summer 1

Christian value: Compassion



Learning
behaviour
link:



Endurance

Codnor stars:



Respect

Theme and
ideas

"Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them, humanity cannot survive."

Dalai Lama

Compassion is when you feel really, really caring and kind towards someone who is going through a tough time or feeling sad. It's like having a big heart full of love and wanting to help them feel better. When you show compassion, you try to understand how they're feeling and do your best to make them feel comforted and supported. It's like being a really good friend who wants to make others feel happy and loved.

The Bible tells us that a compassionate person recognises the suffering of others and then takes action to help. It is not about 'doing good' from a position of strength or 'remembering those less fortunate than ourselves'. Compassion requires an act of imagination and humility to share in the lives of others. Notice the qualities that Paul links together. He says 'clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.' (Colossians 3:12)

Jesus showed compassion towards the 'harassed and helpless' crowds (Matthew 9:36) and his works of healing were always prompted by compassion for people's suffering. He wept at the death of Lazarus and was moved to act.

Questions to
think about:

1. What does compassion look like?
2. What does it mean to 'stand in someone else's shoes'?
3. When might our friends need us to listen with kindness and compassion?
4. How do nations show compassion to other nations in their time of need?
5. How can strangers show compassion to others?

Bible Verses

- **Matthew 9:36 (NIV)** - "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."
- **Colossians 3:12 (NIV)** - "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."
- **Psalms 103:13 (NIV)** - "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."

	• Luke 6:36 (NIV) - "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." • Ephesians 4:32 (NIV) - "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." • Isaiah 49:13 (NIV) - "Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones." • Micah 6:8 (NIV) "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." • 1 Peter 3:8 (NIV) "Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble." • Psalms 145:8 (NIV) "The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love." • 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV) "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."
Bible Stories	• The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37): This parable teaches about helping others in need, even when it might be inconvenient or uncomfortable. • The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32): This story shows the love and forgiveness of a father towards his wayward son, highlighting the importance of second chances and unconditional love. • Jesus Feeding the Five Thousand (Matthew 14:13-21): This miracle showcases Jesus' compassion for the hungry crowd, as he multiplies loaves and fishes to feed them. • Jesus and the Woman Caught in Adultery (John 8:1-11): This story illustrates Jesus' mercy and forgiveness towards a woman who was about to be stoned for her sins. • The Healing of the Paralytic (Mark 2:1-12): This story demonstrates Jesus' compassion for the sick, as he heals a paralyzed man and forgives his sins. • The Widow's Offering (Mark 12:41-44): This short account highlights the sacrificial giving of a poor widow and Jesus' recognition of her deep compassion. • The Lost Sheep (Luke 15:3-7): This parable emphasizes God's compassionate pursuit of those who are lost or struggling. • Dorcas (Tabitha) Raised from the Dead (Acts 9:36-42): This story shows the compassion of the early Christian community as they mourned the death of a beloved woman and witnessed her miraculous resurrection. • The Good Shepherd (John 10:11-18): This passage describes Jesus as the shepherd who cares for and protects his sheep, emphasizing his deep love and compassion for his followers. • Jesus Heals a Leper (Mark 1:40-45): This account demonstrates Jesus' willingness to heal and restore even those who were considered outcasts or untouchable by society.

Our place in the World and enrichment focuses	• April 22nd – Earth Day • April 23rd – St George's day • May 2nd – Space Day • May 5th – Deaf awareness week • May 8th – VE day • May 9th – Fairtrade day • May 10th – Christian aid week • May 11th – Mental Health Awareness Week • May 12th – Florence Nightingale's birthday • May 12th – Sun awareness week • May 16th – Endangered species day • May 21st - Shavuot • May – National Walking month •	
Weekly class assemblies/ collective worship focuses	Week	Focus
	Monday 13 th April	Headteacher Assembly: Welcome back; introduce to the three themes/values explored this term End on the Lord's Prayer
	Tuesday 14 th April	Headteacher Assembly: Bible Story/Christian Value: The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32): This story shows the love and forgiveness of a father towards his wayward son, highlighting the importance of second chances and unconditional love.
	Wednesday 15 th April	Visitor assembly
	Thursday 16 th April	Classroom collective worship: Christian Value: "If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion." Dalai Lama. Discuss the quote linked to our Christian Value
	Friday 17 th April	Headteacher Assembly: celebration assembly
	Monday 20 th April	Teacher assembly: Wider World: Earth Day [celebrated on Wednesday 22 nd]
	Tuesday 21 st April	• Headteacher Assembly: Bible Story/Christian Value: Jesus Heals a Leper (Mark 1:40-45): This account demonstrates Jesus' willingness to heal and restore even those who were considered outcasts or untouchable by society. End on the Lord's Prayer
	Wednesday 22 nd April	Visitor assembly
	Thursday 23 rd April	Classroom collective worship: Christian Value: "Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them, humanity cannot survive." Dalai Lama – Discuss this quote linked to our Christian Value
	Friday 24 th April	Headteacher Assembly: Codnor Star/ - Bible Verse: "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31)
	Monday 27 th April	Teacher assembly: Bible Story/Christian Value: https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/3317/respect - The theme of respect linked with a Bible story
	Tuesday 28 th April	Headteacher Assembly: Bible Story/Christian Value: Two blind men receive their sight – (Matthew 20:29–34).

		End on the Lord's Prayer
	Wednesday 29 th April	Visitor assembly
	Thursday 30 th April	Classroom collective worship: Christian Value: What does it mean to stand in somebody else's shoes? How does this link to compassion?
	Friday 1 st May	Headteacher Assembly: Christian Value: Ephesians 4:32 (NIV) - "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Explore this quote during today's certificate assembly
	Tuesday 5 th May	Headteacher Assembly: Bible Story The Good Shepherd (John 10:11-18): This passage describes Jesus as the shepherd who cares for and protects his sheep, emphasizing his deep love and compassion for his followers. End on the Lord's Prayer
	Wednesday 6 th May	Visitor Assembly
	Thursday 7 th May	Classroom collective worship: Christian Value: Bible Link: Acts 20:35 – "It is more blessed to give than to receive."
	Friday 8 th May	Headteacher Assembly: Learning behaviour - https://prezi.com/f2t059zf0k40/endurance-assembly/
	Monday 18 th May	Teacher assembly: Wider World: Fairtrade Day
	Tuesday 19 th May	Headteacher Assembly: Bible Story/Christian Value: Dorcas (Tabitha) Raised from the Dead (Acts 9:36-42): This story shows the compassion of the early Christian community as they mourned the death of a beloved woman and witnessed her miraculous resurrection.
	Wednesday 20 th May	Visitor assembly
	Thursday 21 st May	Classroom collective worship: Codnor Star - "Respect yourself and others will respect." Explore this quote with your class.
	Friday 22 nd May	Headteacher Assembly: Codnor Star/ - Bible Story: https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/2849/who-do-we-respect