

CODNOR'S CHRISTIAN VALUES



COMPASSION

Talk about compassion

In school, children will be learning about our core Christian Value of **compassion** in collective worship and in our classrooms.

Here are some questions to explore that theme you could discuss at home:

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



Research it together

Who said the following quote?

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted"

Read about compassion

The good Samaritan When someone asked Jesus the question, "Who is my neighbour?" he told a story that surprised everyone who heard it. The hero was from Samaria but those listening were mainly Jews. (Jews and Samaritans usually kept well away from each other.) "A man set out on foot from Jerusalem to a town called Jericho", said Jesus. The crowd murmured and exchanged knowing glances. They knew this was a lonely, dangerous road, a favourite place for robbers to attack travellers. "As the man reached a rocky and desolate place, a gang of robbers leapt out and beat him. They took all that he had and left him bleeding and bruised. To the man's relief, he saw in the distance a priest from the temple. A priest is bound to help me, thought the man. He waited until the priest came a little closer and then called out, 'Thank goodness it is you. Please Sir, take me to safety.' But to his amazement the priest hurried past pretending not to see or hear him. As the poor, injured man grew weaker and weaker in the burning midday sun, he once again heard foot-steps. Looking up he saw a Levite, another of his own people. 'Please Sir, please help me', he called out. Surely this Levite would take pity on him, but to his horror the Levite just kept on walking. The man had almost given up hope when he felt a gentle touch on his shoulder. A stranger, a Samaritan, had bent down beside him and was bandaging his wounds and giving him sips of water to drink. The Samaritan helped the man on to his own donkey and slowly, carefully took him all the way to an inn. There he paid the innkeeper to look after the man until he was well. The man never forgot the compassion and kindness of the Samaritan stranger." "Who do you think was a good neighbour?" asked Jesus.

Love and
compassion
are necessities,
not luxuries.
Without them
humanity cannot
survive.
-Dalai Lama

Compassion Hall of Fame

We all know about Children In Need at Codnor Primary School: it is a charity we have supported for many, many years. So, entering our 'hall of fame' for this term, is Pudsey Bear: the national mascot of the charity since 1985. He was designed by Joanna Ball and she named him after the small town in Yorkshire where she lived and went to school for many years, Pudsey. When we see Pudsey Bear we immediately think of Children in Need.

This charity has grown enormously since it began and raises millions of pounds every year. Thanks to people all over the country, children in the UK and across the world have come to know real kindness and **compassion**, made possible by generous donations to the charity. In total, thanks to people's compassion, Children in Need has raised **over £1 billion pounds—WOW!**

www.bbc.co.uk/childreninneed



Create it together

Helping hands

For your create it together project this term, you are going to get 'hands on!'

As well as being kind and showing compassion in what we say, it is often what we do that other people remember. Draw and cut out the shape of each person's hand in your family. Decorate it with all the random acts of kindness that they have shown. Mount the hands of each member of your family on some paper so they look fantastic and ready to be displayed in school.



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."

Colour me in:



Pray together

Dear God above, so kind and true, Help us learn to be like You. Give us hearts so full and bright, With compassion, love, and light.

Guide our hands, guide our feet, To help those in need we meet. May we lend a helping hand, And spread Your love across the land.

When others hurt or feel alone, Help us make their hearts feel known. With open arms and caring eyes, May we be a sweet surprise.

Teach us, Lord, to understand, The struggles others may withstand. Give us strength and tender grace, To make this world a better place.



Amen.