

### Love—Following the example of Jesus

Following the example of Jesus involves showing acts of love, kindness and service in daily life, such as sharing, helping, praying and obeying. Key activities will include being honest, compassionate, and performing small acts of service such as helping someone who is sick, giving out books in class, and helping to tidy.

### Background Information

Christian's everywhere believe that God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him will find eternal life (John 3: 16).

In worship we will discuss what it means to be a good neighbour, and the different kinds of love we have (for our parents, our pets, our friends). We will think about unconditional love, selfless service and deep friendship.



Let them give thanks to the Lord for his faithful love and his wondrous works for all humanity. For He has satisfied the thirsty and filled the hungry with good things.

Psalm 107: 8-9

### In this unit the children will...

Study the parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus told us to love our neighbour as ourselves. Think about what this means.

Look at the story of Zacchaeus who was changed when Jesus showed him love and kindness.

The story of the loaves and fish, where Jesus gave thanks to God and fed everyone who came to listen to his teaching (Matthew 15)

Study the story of Jesus healing the leper (Luke 17).

Study the story of the vine and the branches (John 15: 9-15)

By the end of this unit...

**All children can:**

Identify people and things they love—family, friends, pets, gifts.

Say thank you, and think about how we behave.

Retell Bible stories that show examples of Jesus teaching us how to behave to others.

**Most children will:**

Understand that sometimes it is hard to do the right thing.

Understand that by showing respect and kindness, we are working towards greater happiness and satisfaction in our lives.

Link the story of the Good Samaritan to doing the right thing.

Know that Christians believe that God wants us to 'love our neighbour as we love ourselves' (John 10:10)

**Some children will:**

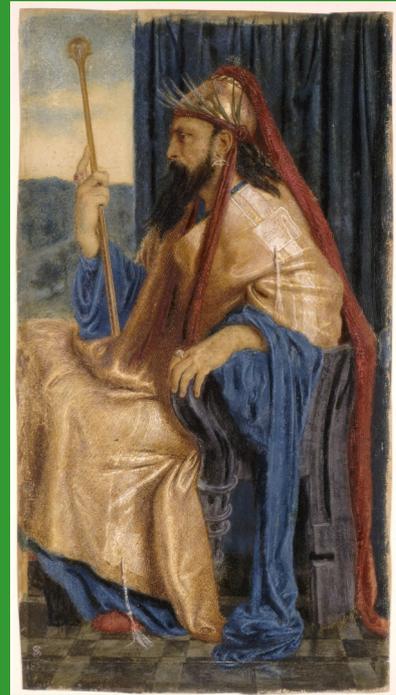
Be able to use the stories and Bible verse to reflect upon their own actions.

Consider how they can demonstrate generosity and love despite adversity.

Know that they can use the Bible for advice and guidance.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

Luke 1: 46-47



**Useful Links**

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