

Prayer with 4G- Lucy

Theme: Kindness

Set-up: Bible, school candle, St Joseph statue, green cloths for ordinary time and something to pass around to speak with.

Prayer Space/focus: In middle of mat and students sitting around.

Setting Song: <https://youtu.be/bi9p888x38Q>

Christ Has No Body Now But Yours - Josh Garrels

Ms Russell: The song that we have just heard explores the Christian understanding of kindness. It is about our call and choice to be a good neighbour to all.

Introduction: Today we are going to reflect on the notion of kindness and what it means to be kind to others. Our School theme this year is 'Who is your neighbour?' and this theme asks us to be kind to our neighbour just like the Samaritan did in the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Reader 1:

Let us prepare ourselves for prayer.

(Pause)

We begin together in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Reader 2:

Kindness is one of the most powerful ways we show that we love and care, for ourselves, others and the natural world. The Gospels show many examples of Jesus showing kindness to all in society.

Ms Russell: Think of the story of the Good Samaritan.

Luke

“A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Quietly have a think to yourself about these questions....

- How did the Samaritan show kindness to the man attacked by robbers?
- I wonder how the man felt when the others walked past and ignored him?
- Why do you think Jesus decided to tell this story?

Reader 3:

Sometimes our acts of kindness, however big or small, can really make a difference in someone’s life. In the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus helped the teacher of the Law realise that **being** a neighbour and showing kindness was much more important than deciding who is or isn’t a neighbour. Jesus’ call to ‘Go and do likewise’ has inspired many Christians to ‘love your neighbour as yourself’.

https://youtu.be/38y_1EWIE9I

Ms Russell: What happened in this video? (give students a chance to respond).

- Can you think of a time when someone was unexpectedly kind to you? Maybe it changed your life?
- Can you think of a time when someone was really kind to you? Was it something they did, said or thought?
- How did this act of kindness make you feel?
- Can you think of a time when you were really kind to someone?

We will now pray together...

ALL:

God,

Thank you for all those who are sharing kindness in our communities.

Thank you for their acts of kindness, generosity and love.

Help me to be kind through my words, actions and attitude.

Please show me if one of my family members or friends needs me to be extra kind to them today.

Thank you, God for inspiring us to be kind through your love for the world.

Amen.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Concluding Song: <https://youtu.be/dk7llf2LkKc>

Pat Barrett – Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

Ms Russell: To finish off our liturgy today you will each be given a card. In this card you will write a message of kindness to someone. It could be anyone you like. Maybe try and choose to write this card to someone who you usually don't play with or maybe even a teacher or office lady.

Think about some people at school or at home that could use a message of kindness.