

Day 1 - Love your neighbour

This overview plan accompanies the collective worship video that can be found here: <https://youtu.be/APS-1k0nXjs>
Please ensure you watch any video clips to ensure they are suitable for your context.

Gather 	Engage 	Respond 	Send 
<p>Welcome to Worship Light the candle</p> <p>“The Lord be with you”</p>	<p>Do you know your neighbours? The dictionary says neighbours are the people living closest to you.</p> <p>I have got to know my neighbours better since we have been in lockdown as we have all been around more at home. Many neighbours look out for each other, they are someone to borrow things from, look after a spare key or people to connect with for a chat. Connecting with those who live near you can only be a good thing.</p> <p>Jesus used one his parables to expand this understanding of what a neighbour was. He wanted his followers to love and care for everyone they encountered, he wanted them to consider everyone, regardless of their culture or background as their neighbour; i.e as someone they could rely on.</p> <p>I expect you know the story I am going to tell you today, but as you listen to it again, listen carefully for the message Jesus wanted his followers to hear through it.</p> <p>Luke 10: 25 - 37 The Good Samaritan.</p> <p>During the time of Jesus, people believed Samaritans were people to be avoided. They were seen as different and not as important and so people tried to stay away from them. That is why it is surprising that it is not the Priest or the Levite that stop to help the injured man, as they were from the injured man’s country, but a Samaritan who was supposed to be his enemy.</p> <p>I wonder what you think the message of this parable is?</p>	<p>Do you think loving your neighbour is still important today? Who else might be your neighbours in your community? Who might need help or support?</p> <p>Get up and look out of your windows - who are your neighbours?</p> <p>I invite you to join with me in a prayer, for our neighbours, our communities and schools.</p> <p>Dear God, Help me to be a good neighbour, to love, care and serve those who may need my help or support.</p> <p>It can be quite difficult at times to love all of my neighbours, so help me to be kind to everyone I meet and teach me to love people like you did.</p> <p>Thank you for all those who live in my community, bless and protect everyone, especially those who are poorly or sad at this time.</p> <p>Thank you for all those who are helping us with our learning, we are really</p>	<p>At the end of the Bible story it says, “Now go and do the same!” So, how could you love your neighbours? What could you actually do? Don’t forget that your neighbours are all those you live with - how could you show them love and kindness?</p> <p>Go in joy, go in love, go in peace to love your neighbours wherever you are.</p> <p>Amen Blow out the candle</p>

	So who loved their neighbour?	grateful for all they do to guide and teach us. Amen.	
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Day 2 - Love your neighbour - What does this look like in my local community?

See CW Term 3 plan for further ideas.

You might like to use this tweet written by The Archbishop of Canterbury:

*‘Staying at home is loving your neighbour
Wearing a mask is loving your neighbour
Keeping your distance is loving your neighbour
Washing your hands is loving your neighbour
Let’s keep loving our neighbours’*

How are these things showing love to our neighbours?

What does this look like in my life? Am I loving my neighbour through my actions?

Day 3 - Love your neighbour - Thinking globally

This overview plan accompanies the collective worship video that can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/R8qYjlfR-qU>

THIS VIDEO CONTAINS IMAGES AND REFERENCES TO THE GLOBAL REFUGEE CRISIS. It may be sensitive to children who have experienced leaving their home countries or are refugees themselves. So, please ensure you watch the worship video to ensure it is suitable for your families and school context before sending it out to them. Thank you.

Gather 	 Engage	Respond 	Send 
<p>Welcome to Worship Light the candle “The Lord be with you”</p>	<p>There have been many difficult situations in our world, where people say they were helped by a ‘Good Samaritan’. Why do you think they used this term? The title a ‘Good Samaritan’ is given to people who go out of their way to help, protect or support a complete stranger, often putting the needs of the stranger before their own. I wonder if you have heard any of these stories?</p> <p>Christians believe that these Good Samaritans are copying the example Jesus set out through his parable and teaching ‘Love your neighbour’. Jesus’ desire was that people should constantly be looking outwards, that we are all neighbours, even those living in other parts of the world. So how can we care for our global neighbours?</p> <p>You may have seen images of the refugee crisis that is happening now across our world. It is terrible to see our neighbours surviving in such difficult and challenging situations. I wonder how these images make you feel? They make me feel incredibly sad and helpless - what can I actually do to love these people?</p> <p>There are many charities who are working to care for those who have had to leave their homes. We could support them.</p>	<p>When situations are this big, it can feel overwhelming and like we can’t do anything, but the Bible clearly tells Christians to bring all these things to God in prayer.</p> <p>Lets be still and quiet for a bit. God says to his people, I am always here looking after you all, I will never leave or forsake you.</p> <p>As you watch this video pray for the refugee crisis and for all those who are working to protect and help them Amen</p> <p>Join together to pray for each other Amen.</p>	<p>How can you help your global neighbours? Lets look at the world through the eyes of compassion and love. So, go love your neighbour and be a world changer</p> <p>Go in love, go in peace and in joy as you change the world for the better as you love your neighbours.</p> <p>Amen Blow out the candle</p>



	<p>There are many people all around the world you pray for the situation, for those having to leave their homes, for the charities working to support them and for the governments involved that they will fight to protect the most vulnerable. We could join them in prayer.</p> <p>There are communities who are welcoming, caring and supporting refugee families by providing housing, education and friendship. We could make sure we open our welcome to everyone. Even a smile helps!</p>		
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Day 4 - Love your neighbour - What does this mean for me?

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I wonder if it matters if the person who needs help is different to you?
I wonder what the story of the Good Samaritan makes you think about? What emotions does it stir in you?
Does it make you think about your behaviour or attitude towards others?

What do you do if the problem is too big for you to solve on your own?
I wonder if doing small things still counts?
Do I belong too?

Draw the outline of person and think about all the ways you can love your neighbour in reality.

Invite the children to join you in this action prayer:

My heart was made for love (*place hands over heart*)
My words speak with compassion (*touch lips with your finger*)
My eyes see a chance for me to make a difference to someone. (*shape your fingers like glasses around your eyes*)
So everyone knows they belong and no one feels alone. (*hug hands together*)
Amen



Day 5 - Love your neighbour - Celebrate!

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Ask the children to share stories or things they have done this week to love their neighbour.

They might like to tell you about their community or how the acts of worship have made them feel this week.

Philippians 1: 3-4

I thank my God every time I remember you, always praying with joy for all of you.

This Bible verse was a prayer written by Paul at the start of his letter to the church in Philippi. He was telling them that every time he thought of them he thanked God for them in joyful prayer.

I wonder which people you think about? Maybe when people or situations pop into your head fire up a quick thank you, bless or help prayer to God for them.

Invite the children to say together: I thank God every time I remember And I ask you God to continue to bless, help, support or provide for these people. Amen.

