

**Noticing a Need**

Jesus always put the need of others before his own. He showed his love for them by being compassionate

**Compassion is...**

Costly caring  
Offering help  
Making a difference  
Putting others first  
Always listening  
Sensitive to suffering  
Service in action  
Interested in others  
Offering care and concern  
Noticing a need.

**Having the Courage to Care**

We learned about how Moses probably would not have survived if the Pharaoh's daughter had not shown compassion. Sometimes we are tempted to think a problem is too big to solve.

**Being a Good Neighbour**

Open the Book performed the story of The Good Samaritan. By telling us the story, Jesus was teaching us that everyone in need is our neighbour, even when they are not our special friends.

**The Christmas Story**

When exploring the Christmas Story, we discussed how Joseph showed compassion towards Mary.

**Coming to the rescue**

We heard the story of the lost lamb, who the shepherd did not give up on. The shepherd showed compassion by going to look for the lost sheep.

**Remembrance**

We explored the compassion shown in remembering those that fought to give their lives during wars.

**Jesus heals the leper**

We learned the story of Jesus healing the leper and how he showed compassion. We then linked this to the more recent story of Princess Diana, who showed compassion when visiting sufferers of Leprosy; not being afraid to touch them.

**The Prodigal Son**

When hearing the story of the prodigal son, we looked at how we should show compassion for all that someone has been through, not judging but accepting, just as God accepts us.

**COMPASSION**

**'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.'**

Colossians 3.12

**QUOTES & QUESTIONS**

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.  
(Aesop)



Have you shown an act of kindness today?

No one has ever become poor by giving.  
(From the Diary of Anne Frank)



Can you explain what Anne Frank means?

If you want others to be happy, practise **compassion**.  
If you want to be happy, practise **compassion**.  
(Dalai Lama)



How does practising **compassion** make you happy?

Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness.  
(Seneca, a Roman philosopher)



Do you think of everyone you meet as offering an opportunity to be kind?