

Loving Others As We Love Ourselves

Mr Cottrell told us the story of Johnny Appleseed, who travelled across America collecting and planting apple seeds in the open spaces. He returned year after year to tend to the trees and when they were big enough, gave them to the villagers. He told the people he met wonderful stories from the bible about God's generosity.

Reverend Marian shared the acrostic poem with us:

Generosity is...

Encouraging the best in each other

Never selfish

Enjoying helping others

Raising support for a good cause

Offering what we can

Sharing our time and talents

Inviting someone to join in

Taking care of God's creation for future generations

You first, me last.

Giving Cheerfully

Mrs Thackway shared with us how a gift given can mean as much as the gift itself and how a gift can become special. We met her daughter's special bear!

The Widow's Mite

We explored the story of the generous widow—a story Jesus told us about how the widow gave what little she had, which had more value than the offerings of the rich priests.

Giving Our Time

Mrs Thackway shared with us about the school who created a special quiet garden together: *The Garden of Many Hands* and how we can give our time to help tend to our special places in school.

Giving as God Gives— Harvest

We celebrated Harvest, a time to reflect on God's generous goodness in his gift to creation, in church with our Harvest festival.

Macmillan Cake Sale

Pupils were generous with their time and money in donating cakes for Macmillan's cake sale.

We also explored:

- The Good Samaritan: how he was generous in giving his care and time
- Badgers Bring Something Party, where Badger is generous in bringing the best version of himself
- The Creation Story: God's generosity of life on Earth

**GENEROSITY**

'God loves a cheerful giver.'

2 Corinthians 9.7

**QUOTES
& QUESTIONS**

Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out. (Frank A Clark)

'If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one. (Mother Teresa)

? Have you ever been **generous** without telling anyone?

? Remember one small way you have shown **generosity** to one person. (You don't always have to do big things for lots of people.)

A community flourishes when people plant trees under which they will never sit. (A Greek proverb)

Use what talent you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those who sang best. (Henry Van Dyke)

? When has your **generosity** served to help future generations?

? Have you ever been put off doing what you are able to do because someone might be able to do it better?