

Justice in *The Good Samaritan*

We are very familiar with the story of The Good Samaritan, as it's where our core values come from. In this Collective Worship though, we explored it through the lens of *justice*, or perhaps injustice. What happened to Eli was not fair, especially when the priest and the Levite walked on by.

Treating People Fairly

Mrs Grant asked us to think about whether justice is always about treating everyone exactly the same, and how in school, it's not always possible or fair to do this. For example, younger children may be given more time to eat their lunch than older children. We may treat people differently, but always try to act fairly and justly.

Making Wise Decisions

The Open the Book team helped us explore Isaiah's words of wisdom from the bible "Learn to do right. Seek justice.". Doing the right thing can be difficult, and sometimes life is complicated and there can be two sides to an argument. We need wisdom to help us decide to do the right thing and act justly. This may take time.

Goodness is Stronger Than Evil

We celebrated Holy Week with Open the Book team, whilst exploring justice within the Easter Story. Jesus spent his life on Earth helping and healing those in need. Was what happened to him at Easter fair? Good Friday is an opportunity for us to remember that Jesus dying on the cross was not fair or just.

The Unmerciful Servant

Mr Cottrell told us the story of the unmerciful servant who was forgiven by his king for not repaying a big dept. However, he did not act justly and pass on this forgiveness, treating his servant poorly for not repaying much less. The king made sure there was justice in the end though.

Justice is....

- Judging what is right
- Understanding what is fair
- Standing up for those who need help
- Trying to listen to both sides
- Informed and wise decisions
- Caring enough to take action
- Equal opportunities for all

Seeing God's Love in Action

Clergy members told us a story that Jesus told his disciples about a vineyard, where the owner paid all of his workers the same, even if they had been working for less time than others. Although some may think this wasn't fair, Jesus told the story because God's love does not depend on what we do or don't do.



JUSTICE



QUOTES & QUESTIONS

Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need, but not every man's greed. *(Mahatma Gandhi)*

Justice cannot be for one side alone, but must be for both. *(Eleanor Roosevelt)*



How much of what you want is what you actually need?



Do you think about what is fair for others as well as what is fair for yourself?

Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity; it is an act of justice. *(Nelson Mandela)*

If you want peace, work for justice. *(Pope Paul VI)*



Can you rewrite these words spoken by Nelson Mandela in your own words?



Why do you think Pope Paul VI believed justice was essential to having peace?

'Learn to do right. Seek justice.'

Isaiah 1.17