

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.

Noticing a Need

Jesus always put the need of others before his own. He showed his love for them by being compassionate. Reverend Maynard shared the acrostic with us:

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.



Remembrance

We explored the compassion shown in remembering those that fought to give their lives during wars. School Councillors helped plant large poppies in the church and held 2 minutes silence.



The Christmas Story

When exploring the Christmas Story, we discussed how Joseph showed compassion towards Mary. We held our annual Christmas Service in church, where members of Oak and Redwood Class shared bible readings of the Christmas Story with parents and friends.

Anti Bullying Week & Odd Socks Day

We marked Anti-Bullying week and participated in Odd Socks Day, discussing how we can show compassion to others in practise.

Jesus heals the leper

Mr Cottrell shared 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



QUOTES & QUESTIONS

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

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

? Have you shown an act of kindness today?

? 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)

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

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

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

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