

## Bible Readings October 2022

- Each bible reading usually has a link to the Value being addressed in collective worship or is relevant to the season or festival.
- Every week, the children should be given an opportunity to read (or be read) the passage from their Children’s Bible in class.
- Take opportunities to discuss with the children how the story makes them feel, what message we can take from the story and how it could be relevant to our lives today – and how it – and/or the Christian Value - can help us to **‘Grow, Celebrate and Make a Difference’**.

**Compassion** is about ‘standing in someone else’s shoes’ when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help.

3rd Oct	Compassion	<p>‘The Good Samaritan’ p282 [Luke 10:25-37] <i>This well-known story is told by Jesus in a response to a question about how to get to Heaven. Kindness is often appreciated most when it is offered at unexpected times. Can children think of examples of when compassion has been shown by strangers or at unexpected times?</i></p> <p><b>The Home-School Values sheet on ‘Compassion’ focuses on this story and provides some useful questions and discussion points on compassion that you could use with your class.</b></p>
10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Compassion	<p>‘Lazarus Lives’ p289. [John 11]. <i>Poignant example of compassion when Jesus showed compassion at the grave of Lazarus. When Jesus saw Lazarus’ friends weeping, he wept alongside them. Jesus felt compassion on people, healing them and comforting them.</i></p> <p>You might want to point out that this follows on from our Bible story a couple of weeks ago linked to Friendship (p285) – Lazarus is brother of Martha and Mary.</p>
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Compassion	<p>‘Teaching Thousands’, ‘Food for the Hungry’, ‘The Boy Whose Lunch Fed Thousands’ (p 263-264). [Mark 6]</p> <p><i>Jesus showing compassion in different ways, putting needs of others before his own.</i></p>

**Can the children think of or find other Bible stories where compassion is shown?**