Welcome to collective worship.

We are listening to 'Shine Jesus, Shine'... we will find out why a bit later on.

Shine Jesus Shine (worship video w/ lyrics) (youtube.com)

Loving our Neighbours in Hard Times



Gathering

Father of all



We gather here together as your children in this place.

We thank you for our families, our community and our school.

Be present among us as we think about what it means to love our neighbours.

Thank you for the example of Jesus, whose love is offered to everyone.

Amen





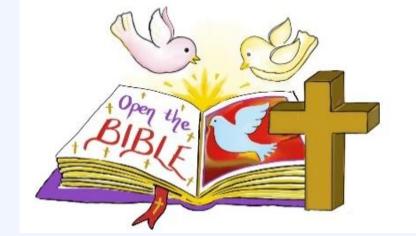


What new things will we look at today?



Today we will be finding out more about what it means to be a good neighbour.

A bit later on, we will be looking at a well-known story from the Bible that links to this.

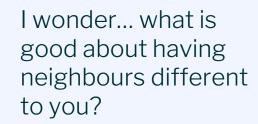


I wonder... where do your neighbours live?



I wonder... what your neighbours are like?

I wonder... what is good about having neighbours similar to you?





When Jesus was asked 'who is my neighbour?' he told

this story...

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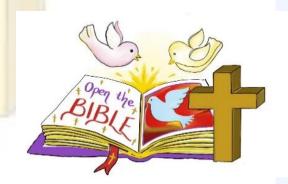


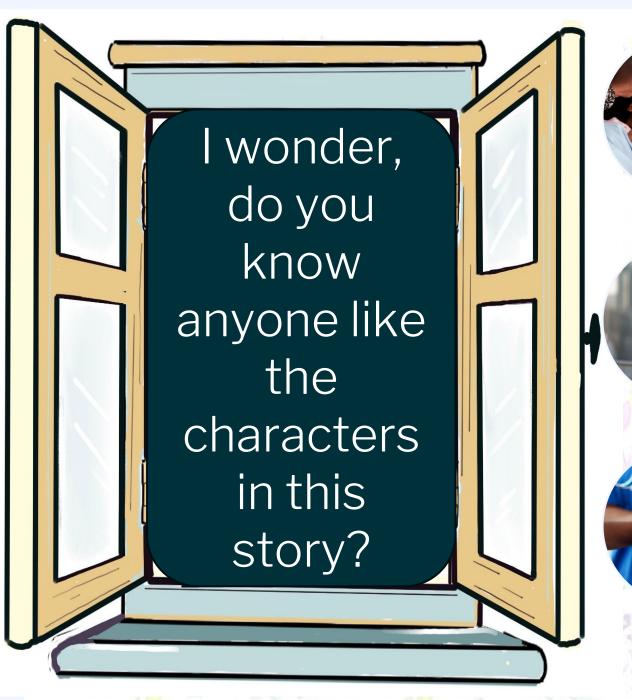


Let's listen to the story, as it is told in the Bible

Today's story is found in Luke 10:30-37

'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have."







Someone having a difficult time?



Someone who has turned their back, ignoring those in need?



Someone who helps those in need, even if they are different?

Thinking of each character, how might they have been feeling?









The injured person

The one walking away

The one who helped

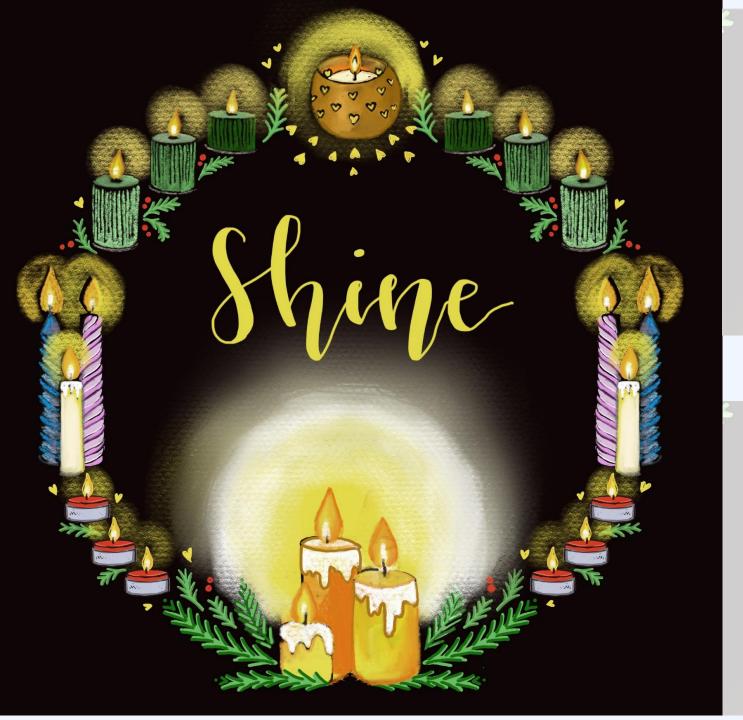


What qualities do you look for in a neighbour?

I wonder, what kind of neighbour are you?







We invite you to share a song:

Today we invite you to sing 'Shine, Jesus, Shine', reflecting on the words as we sing.

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(youtube.com)

How can we love our neighbours, even when it is hard? Think about these words, and what they mean for you:

Love never gives up.
Love cares more for others
than for self.
Love doesn't want what it
doesn't have.
Love doesn't strut,
Doesn't have a swelled head,
Doesn't force itself on others,
Isn't always "me first,"
Doesn't fly off the handle,
Always looks for the best.



1 Corinthians 13 v4-8:4

'Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered. It keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.'



We invite you to share the Closing Prayer

Dear God

Thank you for the story Jesus told about loving our neighbours.

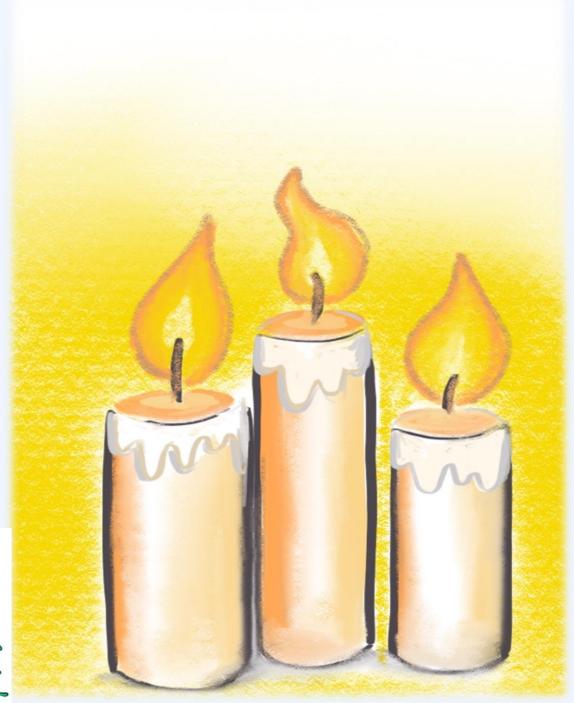
Thank you that you understand when we feel angry, frustrated or anxious.

Please help us to act with kindness and respect towards our neighbours, even when it is the hard thing to do.

Help us always to show love to others.

Amen







We hope that everyone spends some time this week thinking about the importance of being a good neighbour.

As we leave Collective Worship today, we would like you to take some thoughts with you...

How will you be a good neighbour?

How will you inspire others to be good neighbours, too?

If you see anyone showing friendship and being a good neighbour, please share it.





Take a quiet moment...

As you leave Collective Worship today, reflect on all you have heard.

Listen to the music, and think about the ways in which you can shine a light and help others.

Take thoughts of kindness and respect with you as you

leave today.











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