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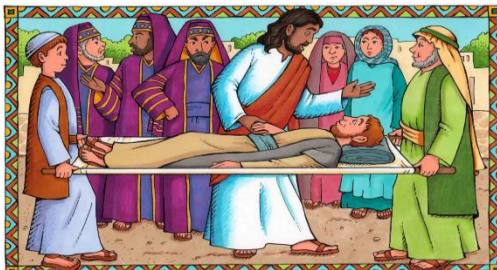
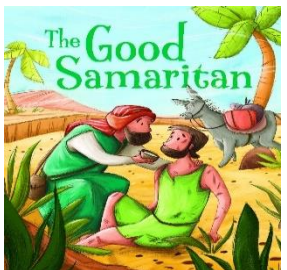
Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?

Topic Overview

- Jesus' most important teaching was to 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
- Jesus tells Christians to be kind to everyone.
- Christians try to follow Jesus' example of being kind to people.
- The story of The Good Samaritan teaches Christians that they should be kind to others. The priest and the Levite didn't help the injured Samaritan - they were not 'loving their neighbours as themselves.'
- The Samaritan is the only person who helps the man. At that time, Jews and Samaritans were enemies but the Samaritan 'loves his neighbour' and helps the injured man.
- Jesus showed kindness when he healed the paralysed man.
- In these stories, the Bible shows Christians that Jesus taught that everybody is their neighbour and that they should show love and kindness to everyone.

Links with other religions

- **Christmas** (Christianity). Christians celebrate Jesus' birth.
- **Easter** (Christianity). Christians remember when Jesus died for their sins on the cross.
- **SEWA** (Sikhism). SEWA means 'selfless service'. It involves helping others without any reward.
- **Torah** (Judaism). Jews aim to show kindness to others as the Torah teaches that people should love others in the same way that they love themselves. (*Love your fellow as yourself - Leviticus 19:18*).
- **Dana** (Hinduism). Dana (giving) in Hinduism is about giving generously to those in need.
- **Metta** (Buddhism). Metta (loving-kindness) means showing kindness to others so that they will be well and happy. One way to show loving-kindness is to help other people.
- **Good Deeds** (Islam) Muslims believe they must be kind because everyone is a special creation of Allah (God). Giving to charity and helping others are considered good deeds and there should be no expectation of anything in return.



Key Vocabulary	Definition
Kind	To be helpful, friendly or good.
Moral	The lesson about right and wrong learned from a story or event.
Parable	A very short story told to teach a moral or religious lesson.
Paralysed	You cannot move or feel in a part or parts of the body.
Christian	One who believes in Jesus Christ and follows his words and teachings.
Jesus	He is considered by Christians to be the son of God.
Priest	A person who leads prayers and religious services.
Levite	A legal expert (knows the Law).
Samaritan	Someone from Samaria (in Israel).
Neighbour	A person living next door to or very near. Christians believe our neighbours are everyone we meet.
Enemy	One who hates or wants to harm another.