



# Compassion



Clothe yourself with  
compassion, kindness,  
humility, gentleness and  
patience.

Colossians 3<sup>12</sup>



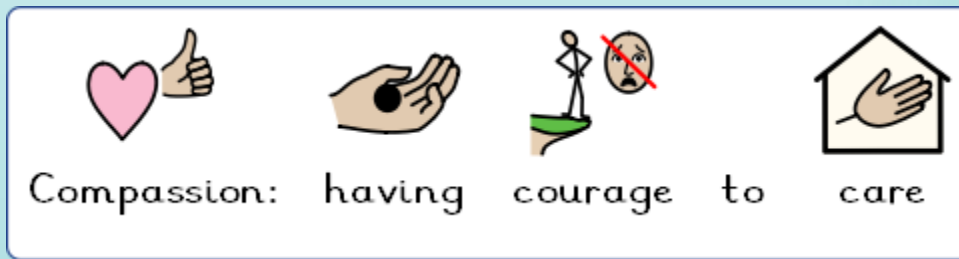
Having the  
courage to care







We have gathered together  
in the name of God the Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit,  
to worship together  
and think about our value compassion.



Today's Bible story is about a wicked Pharaoh, who once ruled Egypt. He used the Hebrew people as slaves and treated them cruelly.

But God continued to increase the number of Hebrews, soon the Pharaoh became worried that there would be more of them than his own people. To everyone's horror he decided to order his soldiers to kill all the baby boys.

The Hebrews were terrified they tried to hide their babies in any way they could. Some mothers hid them in baskets.





We call this basket a Moses basket.

Now we're going to hear a story from the bible retold by Fiona Moss.

Listen carefully and you will discover how this type of basket got its name.

The three pictures that you will see were painted by Clare ball. Claire likes to work with children on pictures that illustrates stories.



learning

It was wet. - Splish, Splash

Miriam was worried - Cover your eyes

Pharaoh was evil! - Make a mean face

Where was God? - Look up and shrug

Miriam sat quietly on the bank of the river, her feet hanging over the edge.

It was wet. Splish, Splash

Miriam was worried - Cover your eyes

She watched as her brother Moses bobbed up and down in the basket. She hoped he didn't wriggle too much. She dipped her fingers in the water and reached out to steady the basket.







It was wet Splish, Splash

Miriam was worried - Cover your eyes

Where was God? - Look up and shrug

Miriam wasn't sure that baby Moses in the basket in the river was very safe. But if he stayed at home he would be killed because Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, was killing all the Hebrew baby boys.

Pharaoh was evil! Make a mean face

Where was God? - Look up and shrug

The wind blew and Moses and the basket were blown down the river.

It was wet Splish, Splash

Miriam was worried - Cover your eyes

Where was God? - Look up and shrug

A little way down the river Miriam heard female voices.

“If they see Moses they will take him to Pharaoh and he will be killed” thought Miriam.

Miriam crept closer.

Miriam was worried - Cover your eyes

Pharaoh was evil! Make a mean face

Where was God? - Look up and shrug

Moses began to cry. One of the woman saw Moses bobbing about and pulled him into the riverbank. The basket wobbled.

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Where was God? - Look up and shrug

Miriam set quietly and prayed, please keep my little brother Moses safe.





Miriam was worried - Cover your eyes

Pharaoh was evil! - Make a mean face

Where was God? - Look up and shrug

The woman picked up Moses and cuddled him. Miriam crept even closer. Miriam heard the woman say, I'm going to keep this baby even if he is a Hebrew. I can do what I like as I am the Pharaohs daughter!

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Pharaoh was evil! - Make a mean face

Where was God? - Look up and shrug

Now, said Pharaoh's daughter, "All I need is someone to look after him for me."

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Where was God? - Look up and shrug

Suddenly Miriam felt brave. She felt an invisible hand push her forward. She said quietly, "I know woman that would be perfect for the job."

"All right, said Pharaoh's daughter. "Fetch her".

And she did. And that is how Moses survived and grew up to lead his people.





Why did Miriam think  
Pharaoh was evil?

Why was Miriam worried?

What do you think Moses'  
mother felt as she rushed  
back with Miriam to look  
after her baby son?

Thinking about it later,  
where would Miriam say  
God was in the story?



reflecting





# Responding



Moses would probably not have survived if the Pharaoh's daughter had not shown compassion, and history would have been very different.

Sometimes we are tempted to think a problem is too big for just one person to solve alone.

But let us remember that we can all show compassion to make a difference.



I'll lead the prayer if you would like to make the prayer yours join in with the Amen at the end.

## Prayer for one

I am only one,

But I am one.

I cannot do everything,

But I can do something.

What I can do,

I ought to do.

And what I ought to do,

By the grace of God, I will do.

Amen



# The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.



Let's sing: A little bit of Kindness



A Little Bit of Kindness





Dear God

Thank you for our amazing school  
and all the opportunities we have to shine.



*Thank you God*

Thank you for the church and school community that helps us to anchor  
our lives in faith and our confidence to shine brighter.

*Thank you God*

Help us to show the light of Christ in everything we think, say and do.

*Help us God*

Help us to have the strength to be positive and  
spread happiness to everyone we meet.

*Help us God*

Let your light shine through us.

*Amen*



# Fruits from the roots

What dream do you have  
that will make a  
difference in the world.

