



Compassion

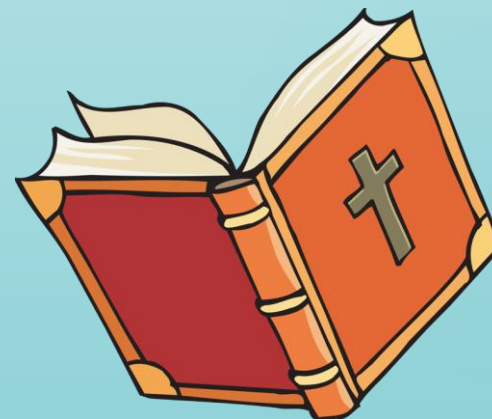


Clothe yourself with
compassion, kindness,
humility, gentleness and
patience.

Colossians 3¹²



Coming to the rescue



Luke 15⁴⁻⁶







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



learning



Compassion: Coming to the rescue

First we are going to hear a reading from the Bible. It is a story Jesus told to a crowd of people, some of whom would have been shepherds.

The Lost Sheep Luke 15.⁴⁻⁶

Jesus said “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them – what do you do? You leave the other ninety-nine sheep in the pasture and go looking for the one that was lost until you find it.

When you find it, you are so happy that you put it on your shoulders and carry it back home.

Then you call your friends and neighbours and say to them,

‘I am so happy I found my lost sheep. Let us celebrate!’”



Barney: Bella, you were late today. What happened?

Bella: Well, on the way to school we saw a little boy wandering around on the pavement. He was only about two and he was starting to really cry. I said to my mum, we must do something or he might wander into the road.

Barney: Gracious! What did she do?

Bella: Well, she told me to hold his hand and try to find out his name. Then she went into the nearest shop to look for his mum.

Barney: Did she find her?

Bella: No, but in the Newsagents she found his Granny. She hadn't even realized he'd gone!

Barney: I know what that's like. My little cousin runs off really quickly when you turn your back for 2 seconds! The boy's Granny must have been shocked when she found out.

Bella: Yes, she was. She was nearly as upset as the little boy. He was called Simon.

I felt so sorry for him. He didn't know where he was or what was happening.

Barney: Thank goodness you came along at the right time and it was a happy ending!

Think back to the Bible reading.



reflecting

We heard about a lamb that was lost. He was probably hungry and cold, afraid and lonely. But the shepherd came looking for him because he cared about the sheep and wanted to help. We call this showing compassion.

Bella and her Mum felt compassion too, when they found little Simon. Compassion led them to help, even though it made Bella late for school.



How does it make you feel when you see someone who is upset or lost or fed up?



These are feelings of compassion. They move us to do things that help others in need.

Responding



Jesus told the parable about the Lost Sheep because he wants us to know that he is like the Good Shepherd who comes to the rescue. He will always show compassion and kindness towards us when we are in need.



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

Thank you

Thank You Prayer

God of compassion,

You care for us more than we could ever care for anyone.

Thank you that you sent Jesus, the Good Shepherd,
to bring us back to you.

Thank you that you come and find us whenever we feel
lost or alone.

Amen.



Remember that God your Heavenly Father is better than the best parent you could ever imagine. He's like a shepherd that cares for his sheep.



He cares for you so much that he wants you to call him Abba, Daddy. So when you pray start your prayer like this..



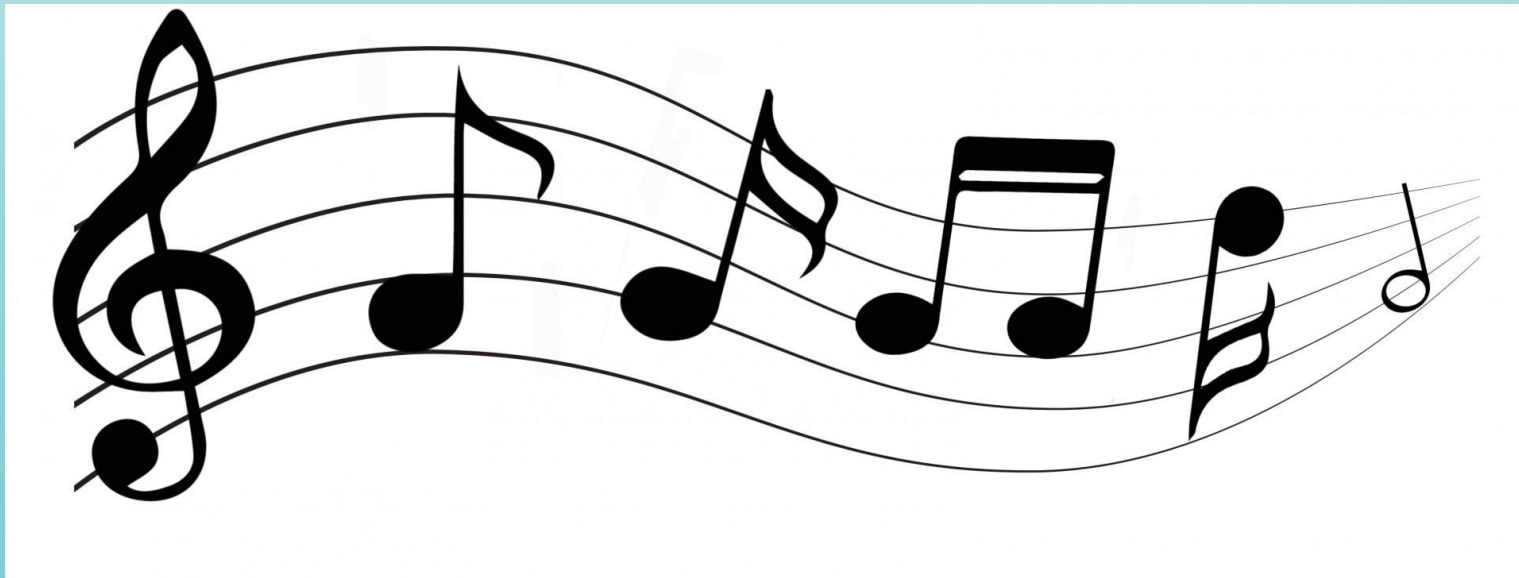
Our Father in heaven,

Dear God
You are a loving father
and you want us to be
your children.

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.





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

Jesus said

“I will never leave you.

I’ll always be by your side.”

Hebrews 13⁵

Think of words that describe the
feelings of being lost and then
found.

Lost

lonely
afraid

Found

relief
safe

