



ANGLICARE SUNDAY

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Here we have provided some suggestions for readings, a suggested talk and activities for your Children's ministry program on Anglicare Sunday. Feel free to use or modify to suit the children in your groups!

We have provided suggested activities for 3 different age categories of children:

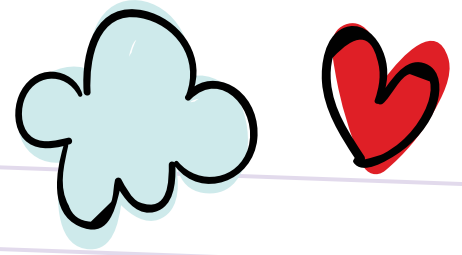
- Preschool and early Primary
- Primary
- High school

These may need to be modified to suit the understanding and knowledge of your children, however, we hope they provide a useful starting point to explore the topics for Anglicare Sunday, including showing love to others and issues around hidden poverty.

Bible passages are from the NIV version



PRESCHOOL



Purpose: to help children understand that we should love everyone regardless of whether they are rich or poor.

Bible Passages: Matthew 22: 37-40

Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

and **Luke 10: 30-37**

In reply Jesus said: "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.'

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."



Kids Talk

Jesus teaches us two commandments or rules about how we should live. He tells us that we should Love God with all our heart, and with all our soul and with all our mind. He said that this is the most important commandment. But Jesus also tells us that we should love one another. He tells us that we should "love our neighbour as ourselves."

So who is our neighbour? How can we show people that we love them? Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan to tell us who our neighbour is, and you may know this story already, it goes like this:

A man was walking along a road when he was attacked by robbers who beat him up and took all that he had. They left him nearly dead beside the road. A priest soon came along, he saw the man lying there and crossed to the other side of the road to pass the man by. Soon another person came by, he too saw the man, and crossed to the other side of the road and continued on his way. A while later, a Gentile, an ordinary person, just like you and I came past and saw the man lying there. He took pity on him, washed and bathed his wounds, put him on his donkey and took him to an inn. He paid for a room there for the man until he had recovered.

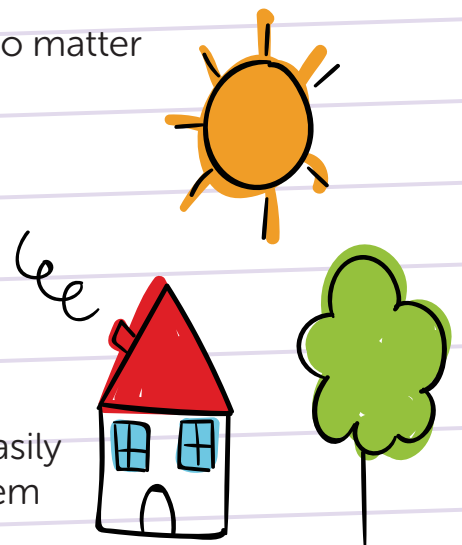
So who was the man's neighbour? It was the Gentile who helped him, and who made sure he was ok.

So who are our neighbours? Are they just the people who live next to us? Or near us? No.

Our neighbours are everyone – no matter where they live, no matter who they are, whether they are rich or poor!

So Jesus has told us that we need to love our neighbours – we need to love everyone! It doesn't matter whether they are rich or poor, whether they have straight hair or curly hair – Jesus tells us that we should love each other.

And how can we love each other? Well we can do it really easily – we can say hi! We can smile at them, or we could give them something little that shows that we care.



SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

Craft: Create flowers for the children to give to members of the congregation to show them that they are loved.

You will need: coloured paper, wooden popsticks or pipe cleaners, scissors, glue, pencils, A4 sheet of light coloured card (one per flower).

Instructions:

- 1) Cut out petals from different coloured paper, you will need at least 6 petals for each flower.
- 2) Cut out a different coloured circle for the centre of the flower.
- 3) Glue the petals onto the centre of the flower.
- 4) Glue the flower onto the coloured cardboard.
- 5) Glue on the popstick or pipe cleaner as the stem.
- 6) Encourage the children to write a name of someone in the congregation on the card and give them the flower to take home.



Word Search: Have the children complete the word search provided on the following page or create your own!

You can create your own word search puzzles online on website such as <https://worksheets.theteacherscorner.net/make-your-own/word-search/>

