Coley Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

SUBJECT FOCUS:	RE	YEAR 2	TERM 2

WHAT? – Key Knowledge

Kindness - Christianity

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

Questions:

- What does it mean to be kind? Who are you kind to?
- Who is it easy to be kind to? Do you think you are a kind person? What makes it tricky for you to be kind?

It is difficult to be kind all the time especially when others are nasty or unkind towards us.

Sometimes we have to make a choice to be kind even when it is difficult.

The story of the Samaritan man

This is a **parable** where Jesus gives an example of how to be kind to an enemy.

In Jesus' times, **Samaria** was a nearby region. **Jews** despised Samaritans because they were mixed race.

In the story, a **Jewish** man, is attacked by robbers, who leave him for dead on the road. Then, a **priest** and a **Levite** went past but did not help him. Finally, a **Samaritan** man saw the man and had **compassion** for him. He cared for his wounds and even paid for him to get looked after at an **Inn**.

Jews believed **Samaritans** were unclean people so they would not travel through the **region**.

Jesus mentioned the **Samaritan** man in this parable because he would be the least likely to ever help a Jew.

The **priest** in the story represents religious-acting people who would talk about the rules but did not actually act on them. This priest did not help the man because it would have made him unclean.

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Ruins of Capernaum Village

WHAT? – Key vocabulary

Kind - generous, helpful, and thinking about other people's feelings

Kindness - the quality of being generous, helpful, and caring about other people, or an act showing this quality

Parable - a short, simple story that teaches or explains an idea, especially a moral or religious idea

Samaritan – a person from Samaria

Samaria – is a historical and biblical name used for the central region of the ancient Land of Israel.

Jewish man – a person from Jewish descent

Priest - a person, usually a man, who has been trained to perform religious duties

Pharisee - a member of an ancient group of Jews who believed in obeying religious laws very carefully and separated themselves from the ordinary people

Levite - a member of the Hebrew tribe of Levi, especially of that part of it which provided assistants to the priests in the worship in the Jewish temple.

Inn – a guesthouse.

Forgive - to stop blaming or being angry with someone for something that person has done, or not punish them for something

Compassion - a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for the suffering or bad luck of others and a wish to help them

Gospels – the first four books of the New Testament, which record the life of Jesus.

Capernaum – was a fishing village

Paralysed man – a man who is unable to move.

Tradition - a belief, principle, or way of acting that people in a particular society or group have continued to follow for a long time

WHAT? – Key Knowledge

The Levite (a legal expert) knew the Law, which compelled the Jews to help an injured person but he refused to obey it.

Yet the one who helps the man is a Samaritan. He truly "loves his neighbour" even to put himself out by helping the injured man and paying for him to stay at the inn

The story of the Paralysed Man

This is a miracle recorded in one of the **Gospels.**

Jesus was in Capernaum teaching a large crowd, when four determined men, who were bringing their friend to be healed, interrupted him.

They made a hole on the roof of the house Jesus was at and lowered him down in front of Jesus.

Jesus had **compassion** on the man and did two important things:

1. He **forgave** the man's sins and which was a claim that Jesus was the Son of God. This set Jesus at odds with the **Pharisees.**
2. He healed the man who had been ill from birth.

The Bible shows Christians that Jesus taught that everybody is their neighbour and that they should show compassion and kindness to all, even if this will go against expectations or **tradition**.

Possible experiences:

- Role playing the story of the Samaritan man and the Paralysed man through freeze frames.
- Watch the "Miracle Maker" clips for both stories.
- Use small puppets to reenact the story.
- http://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/paralysed-man-roof/

Learning outcomes:

I can tell you when I have been kind to others even when it was difficult.

I can re-tell a story Jesus told about being kind or give an example of when Jesus showed kindness.

I can say if I think Christians should be kind and give a reason.

Diagrams and symbols





Kindness Posters





