EPWORTH WORSHIP TOGETHER,





This week's big idea

Week 8:

Equality



"'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind' and, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Luke 10: 25-37

Bible verse of the week



The parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the most famous parables Jesus ever told. In it, Jesus tells us to love our neighbour but who is our neighbour?

How should we treat people who are unkind to us?

What is the difference between fairness and equality?

Should we treat everyone the same?

Exploring further



Dear God,

There are times when we need help from others and times when others need help from us.

Help us always be ready to help each other, especially people who may be different to us or haven't always treated us kindly, just as Jesus taught us. Amen

This week's worship song

'I am a city on a hill'

https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=ITEadEftdnM



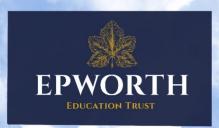
Explore further at home



The term, 'Good Samaritan' has come to mean someone who shows mercy and kindness. It is a positive name but this would have been much different in the 1st Century when Jesus told the story.

Jews and Samaritans were rivals. This makes it more significant that it was the Samaritan that stopped to help and showed kindness. It is easy to love our friends but harder to love rivals.

Think about some friendly rivalries you may have. How do you overcome them?



This week's activty



Let's spread kindness...

This week, your challenge is to share as many random acts of kindness as you can.

Try to do this with your friends but also people who you do not typically play with.

Use these suggestions or your own:

- Say good morning or good afternoon to as many people as possible.
- Let someone go ahead of you in a line
- Spread a smile
- Pay a complement
- Make someone in your family a drink or snack without being asked.

Put examples in your floor book.



Quote of the week



Picture of the week

Van Gogh's 'Good Samaritan'



