Worship

Today in worship we are thinking about who our neighbours are.

Watch 'The Good Samaritan' at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=osfQq4yKtq8

- What did the first two people, the priest and the Levite, do when they saw the injured man? (Answer: they crossed to the other side of the road and continued on their journey.)
- The story doesn't tell us, but why do you think the priest and the Levite walked on by? (Answers may include suggestions such as they were worried about being attacked by the same robbers, they wanted to reach their destination without delay and they just didn't care about the man.)
- Did the priest and the Levite have the right attitude? (Answer: No!)
- Why do you think Jesus said that the third person to come by and help the man was a Samaritan? (Answer: to make people think about their attitude towards others. He was making it clear that it doesn't matter who does or doesn't like you as long as you're kind.)

At the end of the video, Jesus asked who was the attacked man's neighbour. The answer was that it was the person who had showed love and kindness to the attacked man: the Samaritan. One of Jesus' commandments was to love your neighbour as yourself. To love yourself means to take care of the things that you need. Thinking quietly, what sorts of things do you need to make sure that you live a good, healthy life?

Thinking quietly, who do you think your neighbours are?

Thinking quietly, what are the best ways to be kind and love your neighbour as yourself?

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan and the lessons that we can learn from it.

Thank you for all the many neighbours we have at school, where we live, within the UK and around the world.

Thank you for all the different ways in which we can help our neighbours.

Please help us to notice when those around us need help.

Amen.

