



Theme: Caring for others



'The Hospital Dog' by Julia Donaldson is a heart-warming story about a very special, brave dog. A Dalmatian dog called Dot. Is she quite ordinary? No, she is not!

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Biblical Reference:

Luke 6:31

'Do to others as you would have them do to you.'

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Next month's book is:

'Peter Pan' by J M Barrie



Inspiration ...

If you do not have this book, you could borrow it from the library or watch a re-telling of the story on YouTube.

 <https://youtu.be/9ujPPoDz74w>

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Theme exploration:

Isn't it nice the way that Dot was a friend to everyone in the story? Jesus loves everyone, He showed us how to value everyone when He was here on earth (*Mark 2:13-17*). This is how Jesus wants us to be. In the Bible Jesus said that we should treat other people like we want them to treat us. Now that's easy when we like the other person, but not so easy if the person is not our friend, is unkind to us or we have decided for some reason that we do not like them. We must remember that everyone is a part of God's creation and loved by Him.

Jesus asks us to 'love one another as I have loved you' (*John 13:34*). Jesus wants everything we do to be done out of love: this is not a soppy kind of love but about honouring and respecting people, even people we don't like! This kind of love doesn't expect anything back in return.

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What you could do as a family this month:

- Draw a heart and add the names or pictures of all the people you know, even those people you do not like.
- Look for ways to be helpful to others whether you know them or not. There are ideas here: (<https://www.randomactsofkindness.org>), try some of these.
- Send a letter or picture to a friend or relative.
- Talk about times when others helped you. What did they do and why? Were they hoping for something in return?



We believe in the power of prayer

A prayer to pray over your child:

*Heavenly Father, thank You for this special child/ren.
Help them to be loving, honouring and respectful to
all people, just as Jesus was. Amen.*

A prayer we commit to pray for you as parents:

*Creator God bless these parents and give them the
opportunities to help others and so be great role
models for their children. Amen.*