



Theme: Love everyone including yourself

Book: **Have you seen Elvis** by Andrew Murray

Reflection on last week's faith in action, with the families.

What was last week's action?

How did that make you feel?

Why did that make a difference?



Prayer time

Dear God, we know that it is not always easy to show real love. Help us to be willing to 'get our hands dirty' by loving others even when it's hard to do. In Jesus' name. Amen

Inspiration ...

Biblical Reference:

Luke 10:27

"... 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."

• SNACK TIME

Jammie Dodger or
Craft biscuits

• SONGS

Use musical instruments

If your happy and you know it

Additional resources:

A re-telling of the story on Youtube

<https://youtu.be/sAzeuAzwulo>

A re-telling of the Good Samaritan

<https://youtu.be/osfQg4yKtq8>

Helping hands sheet

Theme Introduction:

Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan to teach us a really important life lesson. Help when someone needs help. Having the intent to help is good but acting on that intent is much better. The Samaritans intent didn't save the wounded man it was his actions that saved his life.

The Samaritan didn't care about race he showed us that racism has no place in society and that we should love everyone; even people seen as our 'enemies'.

This is an important lesson for children to be taught even when they are young so that we can build community and see everyone as equal.

Theme exploration:

When Buddy goes to search for Elvis and finds himself in danger it is the least likely animal that helped him out. This is like the story Jesus told about the Good Samaritan: in the story a man was helped, not by a 'good person' or a 'religious person' but by a man who he thought was 'different' to him.

Jesus uses this story to tell us that we should love and help everyone that we can.

Free play suggestion:

Link to Bible Story:

- Have a play first aid kit – to help teddies etc.



I wonder who you can help.

I wonder who helps you.

I wonder if there are people we don't help, but we could.

Craft ideas:

Link to theme:

- Paint children's hands and put them on the helping hands pledge sheet. Encourage parents/carers to put the pledge up at home so that they can remind their child.
- Make smiley face biscuits from Rich tea biscuits, icing and sweets for the face.



I wonder what helpful tasks you like doing.

I wonder what helpful things you would rather not do.

Faith in action: Draw a funny picture and put it through a neighbour's door to make them smile.