

**Before you speak...**

**THINK**

**T...Is it True?**

**H...Is it helpful?**

**I...Is it inspiring?**

**N...Is it necessary?**

**K...Is it kind?**

**Our Christian Value  
this month is ...  
Compassion**



**Family Values**

**What the Bible teaches us about  
Compassion...**

The Hebrew and Greek words translated as "compassion" in the Bible mean "to have mercy, to feel sympathy and to have pity." We know that, according to the Bible, God is "a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness"

When asked what the greatest commandment was, Jesus responded that it is to love God with all our heart, mind and strength. But He added that the second commandment "is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself'" ([Matthew 22:34-40](#)).

The Pharisee had asked him which single command of God is the greatest, but Jesus provided two, stating not only what we are to do, but also how to do it. To love our neighbour as ourselves is the natural result of our loving devotion toward God.

**A sixteenth Century Prayer**

God be in my head and in my  
understanding

God be in my eyes and my speaking

God be in my heart and in my  
thinking

God be at my end and at my  
departing

Amen

"A little consideration, a little  
thought for others, makes all the  
difference" Eeyore

A.A Milne  
Author of Winnie the Pooh

**Family Values Task**

"This I know for a fact what you give always  
comes back" Anon

This month we are rewarding compassionate acts. As we have learned from the above quote, a little thought for others makes a big difference. We are going to have a "Tree of Compassion" in our values area in the hall. The idea is if someone shows you real compassion this month, which you would like to say thank you for, write their name and what they did on one of the leaves and hang onto the tree. Not only will it look really pretty but it will act as a reminder to everyone to be compassionate towards each other. The leaves will be read out in Friday's Celebration Worship, each one will also be put into a prize draw to be drawn at the last worship of the month. Each person who completes a leaf will also earn 10 House points for themselves. Parents can also nominate you for a leaf if you have done something brilliantly compassionate at home...just let me know.

Best wishes, Miss Finney

"People will forget what you said,  
people will forget what you did, but  
people will never forget how you made  
them feel" Maya Angelou