
Theme: Service

3. Our Active Love Builds the Kingdom of God

Objectives:

- Explore what is meant by God's Kingdom
- Understand how Jesus' teaching: "the Kingdom of God is close at hand" affects the world we live in
- Reflect upon our individual role in being witness to, and building, God's Kingdom.

0.00	Faith in Action Prayer <i>Say together the Faith in Action Prayer</i>
0.05	Church Story CCC 2447 - The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbour in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. the corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God This session, we're going to look more in depth at the works of mercy and how we can live those out in order to build the Kingdom of God.
0.10	The Good News Not just a quote from the Catechism though – actually from Jesus Scripture Matthew 25: 31-40
0.15	Activity and Church Story In the scripture Jesus tells us we need to do these things – but how? Split into three groups to look at 3 of the works in more detail, with a saint attached to each (See attached document) and a charity that performs this work of mercy Feeding the Hungry – shopping list – as a group, given a shopping list of items and how much they cost from Tesco. Their job is to feed a family of 4 for a week on £100. Try again on £50. This is obviously a hard task, but one that many families face – sometimes with less than £50. What can we do to help? (Foodbanks etc) Around the world many still are suffering from malnutrition, charities like Marys Meals set up to help stop that. Saint: St Andrew Drink to the thirsty – Water Quiz (see attached) Young people need to match the fact to the statistic. Some of the statistics are quite shocking, but whilst it is so easy for us to turn on a tap and get running water, for some people around the world it's obviously not that easy. Talk about work of CAFOD building water systems for communities. Saint: St Peter Claver Visit the sick – operation game Nice game for us, but doctors and nurses look after some genuinely sick people and do so maintaining the dignity of the person when they're at their weakest. Talk about work of care homes and hospices. Saint: St Martin de Porres
0.40	Personal Story This time can either be a discussion time, or simply some time of personal reflection when young people can make notes in their journal. Some prompts for any discussion or notes could be: What does the Kingdom of God look like? What does 'thy Kingdom come' mean? If you put your faith into action what would you do?

	Does your faith and beliefs change the way you behave? Does your relationship with God affect the choices you make? Can certain actions demolish the Kingdom of God?
1.00	Liturgy Corporal Works of Mercy Meditation