

Cultural studies

God is Patient and Kind

Spiritual Awareness: God loves everyone equally

God's love embraces all cultures. As Christians we are commanded to love our neighbour. This extends beyond the person living next door. As in the story of the Good Samaritan, kindness to our neighbour may mean showing compassion to someone culturally different.

The true meaning of 'loving our neighbour' is to show personal interest and appreciation, and to extend God's love to them.

Our response to 'God is Patient and Kind'

Because God is patient and kind, I will...

- try to be patient with others
- try to be patient with myself
- remember that God will answer my prayers in His time
- finish jobs properly and not take short-cuts
- persevere and not give up when things get difficult
- show self-control
- show kindness and gentleness to others
- learn to listen
- learn to wait
- learn to let others go first
- help people when they are hurting
- be friendly
- be forgiving
- be faithful

Supporting devotional resource

Themes for Christian Studies 3, (Love): Jesus is a friend to all

Themes for Christian Studies 3, (Patient): Patience is showing kindness and care

Themes for Christian Studies 5, (Love): God wants us to love others

Biblical References

Bible stories and passages

Luke 10:25-38 The Good Samaritan

Mark 10:13-16 Jesus loves all the children of the world

Luke 10:27; Matthew 22:39 Love the Lord with all your heart...and your neighbour as yourself.

Romans 3:19-26 People could not be made right with God by following the law, so God made another way, so that all nations would have opportunity to come to Him.

James 2:1-9 Warning against prejudice.

Acts 10:34-36 The gospel for all nations

Acts 16:6-10 Taking the gospel to the nations

Memory verses

1 Corinthians 13:14 Love is patient and kind.

Acts 10:34 God treats everyone on the same basis.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world...

John 13:34 A new commandment...love one another.

John 15:17 This is my commandment that you love one another.

John 15:13 The greatest love

1 John 4:16 God is love.

Psalm 136 Give thanks to the Lord, His love endures forever.

Psalm 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

Outcomes

Students will

Knowledge

- appreciate feelings and problems of minority groups
- experience aspects of different cultures
- realize that we can learn from other cultures
- realize that God loves everyone equally and wants everyone to come to know Him through His Son

Skills

- research
- collect and organize items for display
- develop map skills

Values

- appreciate other cultures
- socially include students from other cultures
- be thankful for all that God has provided
- share God's love with others

Activities

- Take a survey to find out different ethnic roots of class members. Record results.
- Interview any class members who have come from another country
- Find out the most prominent ethnic groups in the local area.
- Invite visitors to speak.
- Learn to say 'hello' in different languages.
- Provide different cultural experiences e.g. food, games, songs, stories, art.
- Make a display of cultural paraphernalia such as clothing, toys, household items.
- Research information on different countries.
- Become familiar with the world map.
- Discuss the problems people face when they migrate to a new country.

Assessment

1. Present information on one country and its culture.
2. What have I learned from the study of different cultures...

- about God?
- about doing what God wants me to do?
- about the Bible?

Additional Beacon Media Resource

Primary Units of Study: Visual Language Unit: *Our Neighbours*