



1. As pupils enter

Play your music and display the photos of faces or the **image of emojis**.

2. Introduction

Ask the children to consider what emotion the pictures might be showing and when the children might have felt the same emotion. Ask them to consider if anyone helped or joined in when they felt this way - eg if it is a crying face, did anyone ask what was wrong; if it is a happy face, did anyone join in with your joy? How does it make you feel if others try to understand how you are feeling?

Explain that today the assembly is about empathy - the ability to understand and respond to how others are feeling. Ask children if they can think of a time when someone showed empathy towards them, and how it made them feeling knowing that someone else understood how they were feeling?

Explain that the video tells a famous story about three travellers and how they respond to meeting a fellow traveller who is injured.

3. Play the video

The duration is 3' 26". Final words: 'We'll see you again soon! Bye!/Bye!'

4. After the video - Time to talk

Lead a discussion focusing on empathy by asking the following:

- How do you think the traveller felt after he was injured and left all alone?
- How do you think the traveller's feelings might have changed when he saw the priest approaching? Why might the traveller expect the priest to stop and help?
- How might the traveller have felt when he saw the rich and important man approaching? Why might the traveller have expected this man to stop and help?
- Why might these first two people have walked by on the other side of the path?
- Why did the traveller begin to give up hope?
- Why was the (Jewish) traveller surprised when the Samaritan stopped to help? How might you describe what the Samaritan did?

5. Opportunity to sing

An opportunity to sing your chosen song.

Video page



6. Opportunity to reflect

Let us take a moment to reflect on what we have learnt from the story of 'The Good Samaritan.'

In the story we heard about someone who was in desperate need of help. Think what it feels like to be in need of help.

Think what it feels like when someone puts things right by offering the help you need.

Close your eyes and imagine the face of someone who needs help, and how their face changes when you offer the help they need.

Remember how that makes you feel the next time you hear, see or think someone needs your help.

7. Opportunity for prayer

*Dear God,
Thank you for the story of 'The Good Samaritan', teaching us the value of empathy.*

*Help us to show empathy to others and to always be ready to help.
May we never be too busy to hear, see or respond to the needs of those around us.
Amen.*