

Friday 12th February 2021

LC: How did Jesus change the lives of others?

LC: Understand how church services help to make the world the way Jesus wanted it to be?

Today's lesson will look at the ways in which churches offer services to make the world the way Jesus wanted it. We will look at the impact these have on people's lives.

1) Read the story below - 'Jesus Heals a Man with Leprosy' in Mark 1:40-44.

A man with leprosy^[a] came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean."

Jesus was indignant.^[b] He reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: "See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." Instead, he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

2) Watch an animated version of the story by using the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGcZYitSzqk>

3) Consider the following and then have a go at the questions on the worksheet.

The story of Jesus shows us the importance of showing love to all. Jesus taught his followers not to judge people by what they looked like or what others thought of them. Everyone, even outcasts and needy people, were important to him.

4) Use the some of the following links to research what services and groups are available to the communities they serve.

Do they offer: youth groups such as Scouts and Guides, Baby and Toddler groups, Sunday School classes, coffee mornings, Communion Classes and weekday services as well as Sunday Worship? What else do they offer? Do they offer shelter and food to the homeless? Do they support any particular charities?

<https://www.stmarys-stjames.org/>

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/shaw>

<http://www.holytrinityshaw.co.uk/>

<http://www.ecsj.org.uk/>

Also, have a look at the PDF document for services available at Holy Trinity Church.

4) After doing your research, please complete the second part of the worksheet.