

# CARING

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value CARING. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

## TALK ABOUT CARING TOGETHER

Caring is to display kindness or concern for others.

Talk together about:

- How we can care for one another at home
- Recognising when friends at school need us to care for them
- Stories in the news which show how strangers care for other people
- How nations care for other nations in times of need.

## READ TOGETHER...

### Jesus and the Tax Collector

This story is one of those times in the Bible where Jesus didn't just tell us how we are to help other people. Rather, he showed us how we are to do it.

In Jesus' time, tax collectors were considered some of the most sinful people that ever walked the earth. They took bribes and would often line their pockets at the expense of the people. Zaccheus was one of those people.

Upon hearing that Jesus was coming to their city to preach, Zaccheus was very curious. Since he was a small man, he climbed a tree to get a better view of Jesus over the crowds lining up to meet him. Jesus noticed him and told him that for that day, he will stay at his house.

When the crowds heard about it, they muttered upon themselves about why Jesus would dine with a sinner.

Hearing this, Zaccheus said to Jesus that he would give half his possessions to the poor. He also promised to pay back anybody he has cheated four times the amount he owed them. Jesus was pleased to hear this and he declared that on that day, salvation had come to Zaccheus' house.

After reading the story, you might have wondered what part of it is about helping others. You see, the simple act of Jesus expressing his desire to dine with Zaccheus is already helping him. He is a sinner and the people most likely didn't treat him well. But Jesus accepted him for who he was, regardless of his faults. And that is the most powerful thing you can do for someone. Sometimes, that's all a person ever really needs.



### Key Questions to discuss:

Who do you care for?

Who cares for you?

Who needs some care today?

How many ways can you show that you care?