

Year 4

Catholic Social Teaching

BIG QUESTION: How can we be missionary disciples?

The best teacher, never taught a lesson in a classroom. He never used an interactive whiteboard. Not once did He use Google Classroom. He did not have internet access, a computer, or even electricity. He was not trained by a University, he never gained qualified teacher status. He was never inspected by Ofsted. He never handed out stars of the week or certificates. He never wrote end of year reports. He never referred to the National curriculum. He kept no records, gave no grades. His only text was ancient and well worn. His lessons were socially inclusive. He taught the poor and the wealthy. He taught the healthy and the sick. His teaching method was the same with all who came to hear and learn. **He opens eyes with faith. He opens ears with truth. He opens hearts with love.**



What He teaches brings Heaven to earth and reveals God's heart to all peoples everywhere.

(Adapted from Rupert Kaye)

Key Vocabulary

solidarity

connected

community

peace

missionary

disciples



Prayer for a willingness to serve others

Lord make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy;

Grant that we may not so much seek,

To be understood, as to understand

For it is in giving that we receive, Amen.



Jesus the teacher gives us a mission.

To be missionary disciples. To spread the Good News to all that we meet. To live in love, peace and solidarity with each other.

Art Task: Draw a mission picture showing how we can help our brothers and sisters in Christ across the world.

Computing Task: Create a PowerPoint presentation of all the ways we can be missionary disciples. Research Caritas projects, St Vincent de Paul, Food banks, Homeless Shelters and Justice and Peace Groups to find good examples of Missionary Disciples in our community.

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As Christians we believe that all people are connected, so this means that we must not ignore what is happening to one another. The word for this is **SOLIDARITY**.

To be in solidarity together we are often faced with big challenges and barriers which can sometimes seem too great and so we give up. A Christian is someone who will keep on trying because they know that members of their family need them.

Task: What can you find out about the meaning of solidarity? Can you find some good examples of solidarity in our community. Think about the fundraising and donations that we collect in our school and parish for our local charities, homeless shelters, mission teams, social care or justice and peace groups, food banks, and overseas Missions.

Music Task

Research both religious music and pop music to find as many examples as you can of music which speaks of solidarity and peace.



The power of one

One song can spark a moment, one whisper can wake the dream.
One tree can start a forest, one bird can herald spring.
One smile begins a friendship, one moment can make you fall in love.
One star can guide a ship at sea, one word can frame the goal.
One vote can change a nation, one sunbeam lights a room,
One candle wipes our darkness, one laugh will conquer gloom,
One step must start each journey, one word must start each prayer.
One hope will raise our spirits, one touch can show you care.
One voice can speak with wisdom, one heart can know what's true.
One life can make a difference, you see, its up to you! **Anish Ram**

Task: Read the poem, the power of one.

Has anything struck you in this poem?

Think about the differences that one person can make by being connected to others.

What difference can YOU make?