# BE COMPASSIONATE LIKEJESUS K-5TH

FINALLY, BE YE ALL OF ONE MIND, HAVING COMPASSION ONE OF ANOTHER, LOVE AS BRETHREN, BE PITIFUL, BE COURTEOUS: 1 PETER 3:8

Your Name:



## Read Mattew 15:29-38

How did Jesus show compassion? What was going on with the people that made him help them?

#### Compassion exchange cup

In this activity, children will explore the concept of replacing unkind actions with compassionate ones. First read Ephesians 4:22-24 4:22-24 (KJV). Start by explaining the verse, which teaches that we should "put off" bad behaviors and "put on" good ones. Emphasize how Jesus showed love and kindness, and how we can do the same. Give each child a cup and some slips of paper. Ask them to write or draw an unkind action they sometimes do, such as taking things without asking or saying something mean and place it in the cup. This represents things to "put off." Next, have them write or draw a compassionate action they can do instead, like helping someone, sharing, or saying kind words and put it in the cup to replace the unkind action. Conclude by discussing how replacing unkindness with kindness reflects Jesus' love, and end with a prayer asking God for help in showing compassion.

### Sample Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank You for loving me and for showing compassion to everyone. Please help me to be kind and loving, just like Jesus. Help me to share, help others, and be a good friend. When I feel like being unkind or selfish, remind me to be compassionate and think of others first. Teach me to show love, forgiveness, and care, even when it's hard. Thank You for helping me to be more like You every day.

In Jesus' name, Amen."

# **Compassion Project**





Teach your children compassion by donating to the Ronald McDonald House! By contributing, kids can learn how to show kindness and support to families going through difficult times. This is a great opportunity for your children to understand empathy, love, and the importance of giving back. Scan the QR codes below to find out more about how you can help and make a meaningful impact on local families in need. Donations can be dropped off in the bin located under the check-in station in the lobby.