



You will need...

- Several costumes
- Footy top
- Manuscript
- Ozzie cork hat
- Money and credit card

The story

Character/Actions	Lines
	Good morning, it is great to be here for this Assembly. My name is X, I'm here from X Church
	I wonder if you've ever wondered how good you have to be? Have you ever thought about that? Everyone tries to be good, we're always being told to be good, but how good? For example, how kind do we have to be? How many people do we need to be kind to? Do you think we just need to be kind to our friends? Or what about being kind to people who are kind to us? Is that good enough? Because even horrible, bad people are kind to their friends? Once Jesus was asked this question- how good is good enough? Who do you have to be kind to, to be kind enough? Let's see what he said



Helper comes on dressed in a hat, and throw over costume, holding a manuscript:	Once, a teacher of God's law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher, what must I do to get to Heaven? How good do I have to be?"
Narrator:	"What is written in God's Law, in the Bible? What does it say?"
Helper opens manuscript as if reading.	Well, I guess the most important law is "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and then the second law must be, 'Love your neighbour as yourself'.
Narrator:	"You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live forever. Do this and you'll be good enough." But he wanted to show off about how clever he was, so he asked Jesus,
Helper:	"And who is my neighbour? Is it just the person you live next door to?" So Jesus told him a story to explain who he should be kind to?
Narrator put on an England football shirt Helper run on and beat him up, and steal a shoe. Run off. Narrator lie down on a raised stage, and from that lying down position, keep narrating the story.	"A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers."
Helper come on in a superficial costume. Glance at the injured man, but walk away	"They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead." A vicar happened to be going down the same road. Surely he'll help won't he? When he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. He didn't stop.



<p>Helper come on in a new, different superficial costume. Glance at the injured man, go towards him but walk away</p> <p>Come on in an Ozzie cork hat.</p> <p>Helper singing to the tune of 'she'll be coming round the mountain':</p>	<p>Then a man came by who worked in a Cathedral. He must stop and help. When he came to the place and saw him, went near to the injured man, but passed by on the other side.</p> <p>But a Samaritan came to where the man was. He's never going to stop! Samaritans hate Jews. They never even talk each other!</p> <p>"I hate the Poms, yes I do. I hate the poms, yes I do. I really, really hate the poms. If I ever saw a pommie, I doubt I'd even stop, because they all really stink and are dirty. I'm not even I would touch him with a barge pole. I really hate the poms, yes I do."</p>
	<p>But when he saw him, he felt sorry for him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.</p> <p>He took out some money and gave them to the innkeeper.</p>
<p>Producing money and then a credit card:</p>	<p>Look after him, whatever it costs. Here is some money, and if you need more, I'm leaving you my credit card. Whatever it costs to make him better, spend it.</p>
<p>Narrator get up, take off footy shirt.</p>	<p>When Jesus finished the story, he turned to the teacher of the law and asked, "Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who was beaten up by the robbers?"</p>
<p>Helper come back on, dressed as the teacher of the law with the manuscript:</p>	<p>"Well, it wasn't the vicar, or the man who worked in the cathedral. They weren't kind to the man. I guess it must have been the Samaritan. He was kind. He was the one who had mercy."</p>
<p>Helper take off costume.</p>	<p>Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."</p>



Well, that was a surprise! The one who was kind was the one who hated the man. No one expected him to be kind.

Jesus wanted to show us, that we need to be kind to everyone, even the people we don't like, even the people who don't like us!

Really? That sounds impossible. When has anyone ever been kind to someone who hates him?

Well Christians believe,

- Jesus came to earth to live and die for people who hate him
- People like me. I didn't know I hated him, and didn't go out of my way to, but by the way I lived and treated God, it showed what I thought of him.

But that's the Easter story. I'll come back to explain how Jesus showed how much he loved us, even people who didn't know they needed or wanted his love.

So today, love people. Be kind to people. It's hard to be kind like the Samaritan, but it's great when we are.

Pray