

# COMPASSION

Caring enough  
to do something about  
someone else's need

WEEK  
FOUR

2<sup>ND</sup>-3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE

## READ 2 CORINTHIANS 9:12-13

DAY 1

It's Christmas week, so there's no better time to share the good news that Jesus came to be our Savior.. What gifts can you use to share the good news? You could visit a nursing home and sing Christmas carols, or you could just ask for permission to visit with the people there and remind them that someone cares. If you're good at drawing, maybe make handmade Christmas cards for the people who serve you all year.

When you show you care by meeting others' needs AND telling them the good news about Jesus, you show them exactly where your compassion comes from! Then they will want to know about this God you serve!

**ASK** God to help you be brave and bold and share the good news with everyone you meet!

## READ MATTHEW 16:15

DAY 2

Fill out the blanks below with your information.

Your house/apartment number:

What street you live on:

What city you live in:

What state you live in:

What country you live in:

What continent you live on:

When you read Matthew 16:15, you may be thinking, "I'm just a kid. How can I go into all the world?" But just like the disciples may have felt a little overwhelmed when Jesus gave them this command, you don't have to be stressed out about getting to the far corners of the world. You just need to tell people in YOUR world the good news! Then if they tell people in THEIR corner of the world the good news, and so on and so on, soon everyone will know that Jesus came to be our Savior! So start at the top of the list above and make sure everyone in your house knows the good news. It's the best place to start sharing!

**KNOW** that your corner of the world is the best place to start sharing the good news.

## READ MATTHEW 28:19-20

DAY 3

Do you have a blanket, stuffed animal, or toy that you like to sleep with and even take places sometimes when you're nervous? Or maybe you used to have something like that when you were younger? There's something special about having something with you when you are uncomfortable or alone.

Even if you know that you can start sharing the good news just in your little corner of the world, it still may be a little intimidating to think about telling people about Jesus. So here's something super important to remember: you are not alone. Jesus Himself has promised to be with us always, and He will guide you and lead you as you bravely head out into the world to tell everyone the good news that Jesus came to be their Savior!

**KNOW** that Jesus is with you as you share the good news about Him!

## READ MATTHEW 5:16

DAY 4

This morning, before you ever say a word to anyone in your family, do some kind things. Maybe pour your younger sister some cereal or pick up your room without being asked. Try to do as many compassionate and thoughtful acts as you can, before you say one single word!

Sharing the good news about Jesus does require words, but before we can ever open our mouths to share the good news, we have to shine a light on who God is with our actions. When we do good things and show each other compassion, and then we share the good news that has changed our life, it becomes clear that we don't deserve the glory, but God does!

**KNOW** that sharing the good news requires both words and action.

