

The golden rule

Aim of the assembly:

It is good to promote rules as a positive part of our lives. For most children “rules” are a negative word. This assembly promotes the Golden Rule as a simple rule for measuring our own behaviour, as well as reminding everyone that we all need a good Samaritan in our lives from time to time.

Props needed

Golden crown, super sized golden ruler. For the Good Samaritan: wig, first aid kit, wallet, water bottle and instrument, mobile phone, blow up guitars, medical kit, notebook with pen, magnifying glass

Intro:

(Need a golden crown. Make a super sized golden ruler out of plywood, spray golden and mark up like a ruler, words of golden rule on the back..)

Wendy: Today we want to talk to you about the Golden Rule!

Bob: in a funny way...(Put on crown...) I know all about the Golden Ruler... he was a very famous King, wasn't he?

Wendy: No, not a Golden Ruler like that... a Golden Rule!

Bob: (Gets out the big golden ruler...) Oh, I know now... a big golden ruler like that! To measure things with...

Wendy: No, not a golden ruler.... A golden rule! ...but on the other hand, yes, it is for measuring...but more for measuring behaviour ... you know, a golden rule! A very good rule for life! A guideline, a law, like an instruction on how to do something...

Bob: Ah, a rule you mean...why did you not say that straight away...???

Wendy: Let me see your golden ruler again...ah, look here on the back of it, it has the golden rule:

“Treat others how you want to be treated” Mt 7,12

This is the rule Jesus gave us and this rule sums up how we should be with each other. Shall we quickly learn that....this called the golden rule because it is such a brilliant rule for us. It will work anywhere in the world, in all sorts of situations. It is easy to remember but actually quite hard to do.

Bob: Let's all have a think about this rule, we shall have a story from the Bible and learn what the golden rule is all about!

Samaritan story with golden rule freeze frames

Recruit seven children, kit out with props and act out story. Wendy with children to help them know what to do. Bob tells the story, can have a clipboard with the story in hand.

Actors and props needed:

The good Samaritan, wig, first aid kit, wallet, water bottle and instrument
Ambushed Johnny, scooter and mobile phone
3 musicians with blow up guitars
Nurse with medical kit, notebook with pen
Airline pilot, magnifying glass, ,

Scene one

Bob: A little while ago, Johnny left home. He put his new mobile into his pocket. "Be careful," said his Mum and don't let everyone your new phone, it was very expensive! Someone might want to steal it!

It wasn't long before Jonny had forgotten what his mum had said. He stopped and got out his phone to answer a text message and to then play a new game he'd downloaded.

As he was playing, a wild band of musicians saw him. They had not been very successful with their music and were very short of money. When they saw Johnny, with his brand new, very expensive phone in his hand, an idea popped into their mind. "Let's steal his phone!!!" they said.

So they took their guitars and crept up on Johnny. Then they battered him with the guitars, took his phone and ran off as fast as they could. Johnny had fallen over and was lying by the side of the road...all alone and helpless...

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Wendy: *Did the band do the right thing? Would they have liked to be robbed themselves and beaten with guitars? Surely not....*

Scene two:

Bob: So Johnny was lying by the side of the road and was hoping that someone would come and help him. It just so happened that a doctor came by. She was on her way to work. When she saw Johnny lying there, she came over to examine him. She checked his heartbeat with the stethoscope and felt his pulse. The she looked at her watch and shouted, "Oh dear, is that the time, better hurry!" Before she left though, she made a note in notebook. Then she ran off to get to work.

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Wendy: *What did her note say? "Must remember to call the ambulance when I get to work. Accident on the main road, young boy next to scooter." Did she do the right thing, would do you think? It was good of her to want to call an ambulance, but then she could also have stayed and helped Johnny straight away. Just think for a moment in your head. If you were in Johnny's position,*

what would you have liked the doctor to do? Remember TREAT OTHERS...(how you want to be treated).

Scene three:

Bob: Johnny was still lying there, groaning slightly and was really wishing for someone to come and help him. An airline captain came by. He looked good in his uniform, and he was well trained in first aid and very clever in general. He noticed Johnny lying there, still groaning. He got out his magnifying glass and began to examine the scene. He was good at looking closely for things!

As he left, he took one last look at Johnny who was still groaning and said, "I bet he wasn't very careful! But it is just not my problem!"

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Wendy: *What did the airline pilot say about Jonny? That it was probably Jonny's own fault? That Jonny wasn't careful enough? Think for a moment to yourself.....would the airline pilot want to be treated in this way? Remember the Golden RuleTreat others (how you want to be treated)*

Scene four:

Bob: Johnny was still lying there, still groaning, and now cold and hungry too. And he was really, really hoping that someone would come who would actually help him. Just then another person appeared.

This person had a guitar in hand...and weird hair and a great big rucksack! Johnny sat up and said, "Oh no, the bad guys have come back. What is going to happen now."

But to Johnny's surprise the weird looking person stopped and talked to him in a friendly voice, "Oh dear, you look hurt. Can I help you?" Johnny feebly answered by saying "Yes!". So GOOD SAMARITAN got out a first aid kit and began to bandage Johnny's head. That felt a lot better. Then the GOOD SAMARITAN gave Johnny a drink from their own water bottle and that felt a lot better still! And finally the GOOD SAMARITAN helped Johnny to get back up on his feet. Johnny held on to him and together they hobbled off to the nearby bus stop. Our GOOD SAMARITAN got out his wallet and gave Johnny the money for the bus ticket and then sat down to wait with him for the bus to arrive. (Two chairs)

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Summing up

Wendy: *Let's think. That strange looking character who helped Jonny, he probably had somewhere to go...probably had something else to do, but he stopped and did what he could for him.*

Remember the Doctor? – He had no time, had some other poorly people to look after at the hospital...

Remember the Airline Pilot? – He just shrugged his shoulders and said, “It is not my problem!” He had things that were far more important to him...

But the good Samaritan: HE MADE TIME! AND DID WHAT HE COULD.

He remembered the Golden Rule: Treat others how you want to be treated.

This works in school too, or at home: Think for a moment – how would you like to be treated, if you’d fallen over, or lost something and need help in looking for it? Or you needed help with learning your spellings for a spelling test? This rule works in the small things, as well as the big things!

Sum up and sing song

When I needed a neighbour

Prayer

When I needed a neighbour - Sidney Carter

 Em
When I needed a neighbour
 G
Were you there, were you there?
 C B7
When I needed a neighbour
 Em (D Em)
Were you there?
 G D
And the creed and the colour
 G D
And the name won't matter
 Em B7 Em
Were you there?

 Em
I was hungry and thirsty
 G
Were you there, were you there?
 C B7
I was hungry and thirsty
 Em (D Em)
Were you there?
 G D
And the creed and the colour
 G D
And the name won't matter

Em B7 Em
Were you there?

Em
Wherever you travel
G
I'll be there, I'll be there.

C B7
Wherever you travel
Em (D Em)
I'll be there.

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