



# Thoughts on Charities

A charity is an organisation set up to provide help and raise money for those in need. There are many charities in your local area, in the UK and in the world. Different charities provide help with different problems in the world. What charities do you know? What problems do they tackle? How do they make a difference?

## The Bible says

"When did we give you something to eat or drink? When did we welcome you as a stranger or give you clothes to wear or visit you while you were sick or in jail?" The king [Jesus] will answer, "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me."

*Matthew 25:37-40*

'Do not forget to do good to others. And share with them what you have.'

*Hebrews 13:16*

'You should feed those who are hungry. You should take care of the needs of those who are troubled. Then your light will shine in the darkness.'

*Isaiah 58:10*  
What do you think about these verses?

## Do

Find out about the charities that support what you have compassion for. Can you help in some way?

## Fact

In November 2021 people raised over £39 million for the charity Children in Need, which 'funds local charities and projects who help remove the barriers that are facing children and young people, so that they can thrive.'

## Idea

Compassion is action and charities take action to deal with issues. There are charities that help children; people who are ill, homeless, hungry, struggling; animals; and the environment, the world around us. Each of us will have compassion for something different, often based on our own experiences and interests. What do you have compassion for? How can you take action? Many charities take donations of clothes, books and toys in good condition. Could you donate something? Charities encourage fundraising - doing something fun whilst also raising money. What could you do?

## Pray

Thank you for charities that help those in need. Show us the best way to help those around us, and in the world, that we have compassion for.



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