

Generosity

Loving others as we love
ourselves

Lighting the candle Prayer

Leader: Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life

All: No-one comes to the Father, except through Him.



Opening Collective Worship Prayer

Dear Lord,
Thank you for the beginning of this new day.
Watch over us at school and bless all those we love.
Amen



We light the candle to remind us of:
God the Father, the **generous** giver,
God the Son, who gave his life for this
world and
God the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to give
cheerfully.



A good way to test how generous we are being to others is to think about whether we are being as good to them as we are being to ourselves.

“Love your neighbour as yourself.” Mark 12.31



Let's listen to the story of Johnny Appleseed.

As we listen, have a think to yourself about how the story links to **generosity**.

Some of today's helpers are going to read a poem that describes generosity...

Generosity is...

Encouraging the best in each other

Never selfish

Enjoying helping others

Raising support for a good cause

Offering what we can

Sharing our time and talents

Inviting someone to join in

Taking care of God's creation for future generations

You first, me last.

Talk with a partner about which line you think is the best way of describing generosity and why.

Which lines do you think describes Johnny Appleseed?

Today's prayer was written a long time ago by a 16th Century Spanish Knight. He was very badly wounded in battle and while he was recovering, he saw a vision of Jesus. He believed God was giving him a message through the vision, which was to stop fighting and live a life of service instead.

Dear Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for reward,
save that of knowing that I do your will.
Amen



End of Collective Worship Prayer

Dear Lord,
Fill us with Your Spirit, so we can
follow Your example to reach out in
love; stand firm with strength and step
out in faith.

In Jesus' name,

