



# *A Light in the City*



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Introduction:

This resource is written for use for children on Global Children's Day on March 16, 2024.

The theme for this year is "A Light in the City".

### **Skit Script Idea**

#### **"Compassion Champions: Giving Kindness in the City"**

##### **Introduction**

Host: (Excitedly) "Hello, amazing friends! We are embarking to inspiring adventures to make our world a better place. Today, we have a heartwarming mission – learning about compassion and spreading kindness throughout the city. Get ready to become true Compassion Champions!"

##### **Scene 1: The Compassion Call**

Host: "Our journey begins with a magical call for compassion. Let's follow the path of kindness and see where it takes us!"

[Cut to kids receiving a mysterious letter or call]



Kid: "Hey, I got a special letter! It says we're needed to spread kindness in the city. Let's go!"

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[Transition to a City]



## Scene 2: Compassion Quest

Host: "Our first mission is to understand what compassion means. Let's talk to some friends in the city and see how we can make a difference."

[Children interact with various characters – homeless individuals, elderly neighbors, and other city residents. Ask them what they think compassion is.]

Kid: "Compassion is about helping others and making them feel loved, right?"

Host: "Absolutely! Now, let's move on to our next mission – 'Mission Kindness.'"



## Scene 3: Mission Kindness

Host: "Our task is to spread acts of kindness throughout the city. Let's brainstorm ideas on how we can make people smile!"

[Children brainstorm ideas – handing out flowers, drawing uplifting messages on the sidewalk, and sharing snacks with those in need]

Kid: "I can't wait to see the smiles on everyone's faces!"



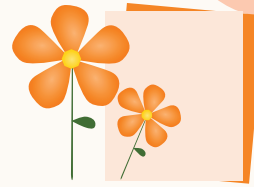
## Scene 4: The Kindness Carnival - Part 1

Host: "Our next mission is to organize a 'Kindness Carnival' right here in the city! It's time to bring joy to everyone around us."

[Children act out their ideas in their community. Use various clips of kids doing activities around the world.]

Kid: "Look at all the happy faces! This is the best mission ever!"





### Scene 5: Compassion Crafts

Host: "To continue our mission, let's engage in some Compassion Crafts! We'll create special cards and artwork to share with people who might need a little extra love."

[Children gather art supplies and create handmade cards with messages of kindness]

Kid: "I made a card that says, 'You're special!' I hope it makes someone happy!"

### Scene 6: The Kindness Carnival - Part 2

Host: "Our 'Kindness Carnival' is in full swing! Let's see how our activities are making a positive impact on the city."

[Children engage with the community, play games, share crafts, and perform music]

Kid: "I love seeing everyone come together and have fun!"

[Bible Verses Interlude]

Host: "Before we conclude, let's find inspiration in the Bible. In Ephesians 4:32, it says, 'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.'"

Kid: "So, being kind is like sharing God's love with others?"

Host: "Exactly! And in Colossians 3:12, it reminds us, 'Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.'"



### Conclusion

Host: "Well done, Compassion Champions! Today, we've learned that kindness comes in many forms – from small acts to grand celebrations. Our compassion has made the city brighter and filled with smiles. Remember, the world becomes a better place when we Show Up with kindness and love. Until next time, keep spreading the magic of compassion!"

[Closing scene with children and host waving goodbye]

Host: "See you on our next adventure, young champions! Stay kind, compassionate, and ready for more incredible missions!"



## ACTIVITIES

Two age groups  
3-7 yrs  
8-12 yrs



Goal:

Teach kids what it means to be compassionate and act on that compassion in their own back yard.

### Activity #1

#### Compassion Quest (15-20 min)

Have a conversation/discussion with adults and kids of all ages about what compassion means.

If a big group break up into groups of 5-6. Make it diverse in ages.

Goal: Talk to at least 3 adults and 3 kids to get their opinion about compassion. Ask for examples and how compassion feels to them. (use simple words)

Make a list of the ideas and the opinions. Have the kids add their own ideas and chose which idea sounds good to try.



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## Activity #2

**The Kindness Carnival** - A combination of different activities that can be done.

### Share Bears



Little ones learn kindness to others as they share this soft bear with others.

Best for: ages 1 to 3

Tools:

- a stuffed bear
- a kitchen timer

Blueprints: Introduce a soft stuffed bear and tell children they'll each have a chance to hold the bear during class. Give the bear to one child and set the timer for three minutes. Explain that when the timer sounds, the child with the bear can choose someone else to hold the bear. As children pass the bear, talk about the importance of sharing with and caring for our friends. The "share bear" helps toddlers build friendships and encourages them to care for others.



### Hug/Smile patrol

This activity to teach kindness is a fun one for kids of all ages. Challenge your kids to smile/hug ten friends at school or church to see who smiles/ hugs back.

Smiling and giving hugs can be infectious and spreading happiness and positivity is an act of kindness we could all do more of. (They can also give a treat to those who smile back and for the older one's hug)

(only give hugs to people you know and are comfortable with)



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## Compassionate Corner

Kids have a knack for reaching out to one another like no one else. So let them take the lead when it comes to connecting with friends who are sick, hurting, or absent.

### Preparing

Create a Care Corner in your room, stocked with paper, pens and pencils, stickers, and stamps. Display 2 Corinthians 1:3 (“All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort”) on a poster to remind kids of God’s compassion.

### Sharing

Each week, encourage kids to use a bit of their free time to write a note to someone they know who could use some compassion. For a child who’s absent, sick, sad, or otherwise hurting, a personal note can make all the difference. Encourage kids to include people they know inside and outside of the church.

When a child is absent, have kids collectively sign a card saying they missed the child. Let the child know the topic and the main point, include any take-home papers or information, and then have kids address the envelope and return it to you to mail.

Add their own ideas and chose which idea sounds good to try.



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## Activity #3

### Card Corner



Creating art for others is an excellent way for children to show kindness and empathy. For this simple activity, you'll need construction paper and markers.

Instructions:

- Help your child trace their hand on a piece of construction paper.
- Ask your child to name five ways they can care for others.
- Use a marker to write each of your child's answers in one of the finger shapes.
- Have your children give their cards to their families or mail them to a local retirement center as gifts to the residents.

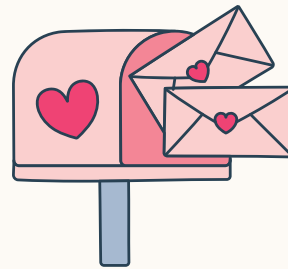
### Compassion Mailbox

A random act of kindness mailbox is a fun idea that gets the whole family involved.

Write a list of kind acts on pieces of paper and post them into the mailbox at the start of the week. Then each family member can pick as many acts as they want to perform throughout the week. This kindness activity teaches children that being kind to others is a family affair.

Here are some ideas:

- Help clean up without asking
- Give someone a compliment
- Text a funny meme
- Make someone else's bed
- Pack away the groceries
- Pick up litter



### Biblical Pictorial

Take the two bible verses and create coloring pages that can be given out discussing how compassion can be a part of our everyday life.







**Sermon** for a child around the age of 8-12.

Title: "**Compassion Champions: Clothed in God's Love**"

### **Introduction**

Hello and Happy Sabbath everyone! I'm absolutely thrilled to be here with all of you today to talk about what I have learned to be compassionate. With the world needing more people spreading compassion, I have come with the goals to make more Compassion Champions! Today we will explore the remarkable world of love and kindness.

### **Opening Prayer**

Let's begin with a word of prayer.

Dear God, thank you for gathering us here today. Open our hearts to the teachings in your Word as we explore the wonders of compassion. May your love shine through us as we learn to be true Compassion Champions, clothed in your divine love. Amen!

### **The Compassion Call**

Imagine receiving a special call from God, inviting you to be a Compassion Champion. How amazing would that be? Well, here's the incredible news – God has already called each of us to be champions of compassion!

Our inspiration comes from Colossians 3:12, where the Bible tells us, "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." What a beautiful reminder! We are called to wrap ourselves in the garments of God's love and share it with the world.

Like many Champions there are missions that should be cleared so they can be called a champion. Today we will look at the main missions we need to go through to be called a Compassion Champion.

### **Mission Kindness**

Our mission as Compassion Champions is to sprinkle kindness like confetti! Colossians 3:12 guides us: "Clothe yourselves with compassion." This verse encourages us to wear compassion as our superhero cape, spreading God's love wherever we go. This can be done easily from our own back yard. We can give a loving card, give someone a hug, or even just holding the door for people. By doing small acts of kindness, we can spread the love of God to many people.



### Kindness Jar

Let's try and imagine how an act of kindness can change people. Let's imagine for a minute that you are grabbing your imaginary kindness jars. We're about to fill them with acts of kindness. Think of one kind thing you can do for someone this week. It could be helping at home, sharing toys, or simply offering a warm smile to a friend. Let's be kindness superheroes, clothed in God's love!



### The Power of Compassion

Now, let's explore the power of compassion. Colossians 3:12 inspires us to be clothed with humility, gentleness, and patience. Imagine putting on a superhero cape made of these qualities – that's us, Compassion Champions!



### Story- The Good Samaritan

Reflecting on the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:30-37, Jesus teaches us about helping others in need. The story goes that there was this guy just walking down the road when some not-so-friendly folks jumped and hurt him, took all his stuff – not the best day, right?

So, a priest walks by, sees the guy, and you'd think, "Oh, he'll help." But nope, he walks on the other side of the road like he's on a mission or something. Then comes a helper guy, a Levite. You'd think, "Yay, another chance for help!" But nope, he does the same – walks on the other side of the road too. Seriously?

But wait, here's the superhero part. The Good Samaritan shows up! Now, Samaritans and the hurt guy, they weren't really friends. They were like strangers, but the Good Samaritan didn't care about that. He saw the guy, felt compassion for him, and thought, "I'm gonna help!"

So, he helps the guy, pours some oil and wine on his wound and then takes him to a safe place to rest. And get this – the next day, the Good Samaritan gives some money to the innkeeper and says, "Take care of him, and if it costs more, I'll pay you back!"

Jesus told this story to teach us, "Be a hero like the Good Samaritan – help anyone, anytime, even if they're not on your team." The Samaritan demonstrated compassion to a stranger, reminding us that love knows no boundaries. We too can be Good Samaritans, clothed in God's love.



### Closing

As a Compassion Champion we learn that to be one we do not need to make big action. All we need is to show kindness to others. As we conclude our time together, let's make a commitment to be Compassion Champions every day, wrapped in the love of God. Whether you're a grown-up or a kid, we can all make a difference by showing love and kindness to others even in our own back yard.

### Final Prayer

Dear God, thank you for clothing us in your love. May we carry your compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience as our superhero cape. Guide us to be true Compassion Champions, spreading your love far and wide. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen!

### Closing Remarks

Thank you all for joining our Compassion Champions today! Remember, love is the greatest superpower, and together, we can change the world with acts of compassion. Until next time, stay excited about being Compassion Champions!

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## Be a Light in the City!

