

Make Jesus Real

A
BOOK
FOR
LIFE

TEACHER RESOURCES SECTION 8 – SPIRIT OF JESUS



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SECTION 8

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QUOTES

“And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.”

— Jesus Christ, Luke 11:9-10

TAKE AWAY FROM SECTION 8

That our lives will be fuller with joy and happiness if we continually look for Spirit of Jesus moments and then copy and share them each and every day.

INTRODUCTION

MJRers use the term ‘Spirit of Jesus moments’ to describe the special kindnesses/acts of gratitude that occur around us everyday in our school communities, at home, during sporting events etc. We not only want to identify these moments but emulate them in our own lives.

Thus the saying ‘Don’t just see, but BE the Spirit of Jesus’.

LEARNING INTENTIONS

We are learning that...

- the Spirit of Jesus is so closely aligned to your heart
- when we look and then reflect we will see that we are surrounded by ‘Spirit of Jesus’ (SOJ) moments
- we will become a much better person if we look for and copy the SOJ moments that others constantly display
- we need to do these everyday 24/7 not just at school.

ACARA CONNECTION

YEAR 5/ 6 – HPE

Explain how identities can be influenced by people and places and how we can create a positive self-identity (AC9HP6P01).

Select, use and refine personal and social skills to establish, manage and strengthen relationships (AC9HP6P03).

SUCCESS CRITERIA

Students will be able to ...

- identify Spirit of Jesus moments and use them in their lives
- use SOJ moments 24/7
- gain inspiration from those who continually demonstrate the Spirit of Jesus
- demonstrate to younger members of their school community that there are many SOJ moments around us everyday.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:9

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

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8.1 Live Like That

'Live Like That' by Sidewalk Prophets

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GfosSggwQS0>

(3:57 minutes)

Am I proof
That You are who you say You are
That grace can really change a heart
Do I live like Your love is true...

These aspirational lyrics by the band Sidewalk Prophets explores living with the Spirit of Jesus.

1. Ask students to write a poem that explores how they aspire to live with SOJ.
2. Once written, explore with students how they can share the poem with the class. For instance, by creating a PowerPoint filled with images that support the text, by creating an artwork, or a short play, or by creating a song.

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8.2 Ten acts of kindness

10 Incredible Acts of Kindness Caught On Camera

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vahi77oOsK4>

(9:57 minutes)

10. Police officer responds to speeding student by helping him tie a necktie, while checking drivers insurance. Sends the student on his way.
9. Youth football - trick play allows special needs player to experience his first touchdown.
8. Grocery store employee helps a frail customer in the parking lot to ensure she reaches her destination safely.
7. Customer with disabilities asks employee at her local restaurant if he can help feed her.
6. Boys selling home-baked goods to help raise funds for their family are provide with a meal.
5. Police officer responds to homeless man with a new pair of shoes, a pair of socks, and \$20.
4. Commuter train passenger slips between platform and train. Crowd rocks train sideways to allow passenger to be freed.
3. Homeless man on train without a shirt. Passenger gives him shirt off his own back and his hat.
2. A recently bereaved drive-through customer receives an impromptu prayer circle from staff.
1. A young girl shaves her head in support of her best friend who is suffering from childhood cancer.

- a) Write the numbers 1 to 10 acts of kindness with explanations on the whiteboard.
- b) Ask students to write the 1 to 10 acts in the reflection section of page 112.
- c) Ask students to vote for their favourite act of kindness and mark it on the board.
- d) Explore with students why those acts with the highest votes might have been chosen.

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8.3 Walking Spirit of Jesus moments

Dwyane Wade is more than just a basketball player, he is an exceptional human being. This is a twist on the swapping of player jerseys at the end of his career.

Dwyane Wade #OneLastDance

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=syuXV6A7O6g>

(3:59 Minutes)

1. Watch the video with students.
2. Ask them to name what SOJ moments are shared in this video. List them on the whiteboard.
3. Ask students to share a SOJ moment that has affected their life and most stands out for them.

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8.4 The fruits of the Holy Spirit

How do I know that God wants me to do? Looking for the signs that the Holy Spirit are in you. The 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit...

Bishop Barron on the Holy Spirit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1INut0Gi09Q>

(12:02 minutes)

8.5 Where was Jesus in my life today?

Watch as the camera tracks an act of kindness as its passed from one individual to the next and manages to boomerang back to the person who set it into motion.

Life vest inside – Kindness Boomerang

(Because kindness keeps the world afloat.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwAYpLVyeFU>

(5:44 minutes)

**Pay It Forward Day - 28
April**

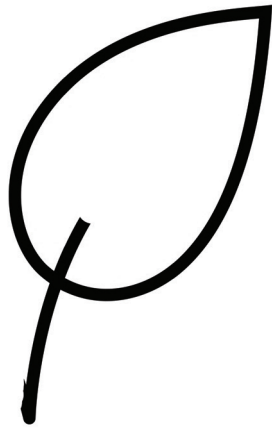
8.6 Pay it Forward Day

Random acts of kindness for Pay it Forward Day

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KTCd3LB2Mcs>

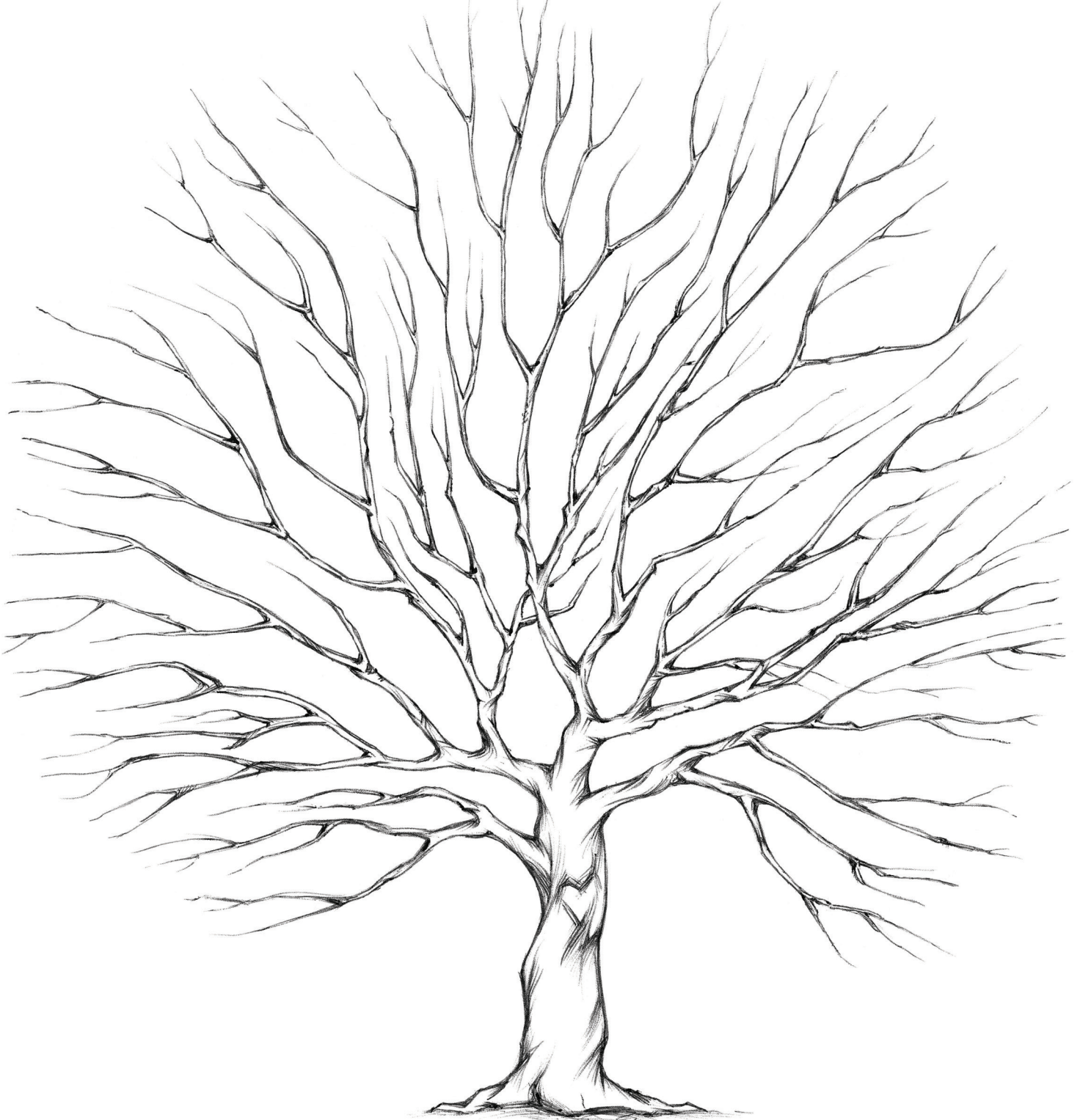
(2:32 minutes)

1. Watch the video that shows a reporter enacting three acts of kindness for Pay it Forward Day.
2. As a class, discuss what possible *pay it forward* moments students can suggest.



8.7 Create an Acts of Kindness Tree

1. At the beginning of the year, get students to paint a huge tree with bare branches and place on the wall in the classroom or corridor.
2. Ask them to create several 'leaf' templates – about the size of your palm – that can be written in. Print out the leaf templates on green paper (a variety of greens if possible) and cut out.
3. Invite students to take note of any acts of kindness, then write the name of the person enacting the kindness on to a leaf, and attach it to the painted tree. This is not limited to students performing acts of kindness, but anyone in their school community.
4. Toward the end of the year, organise a real tree to be planted in the school grounds in honour of this year's kindness tree.
5. You may also want to note the person whose name appears most on the tree and award them with an SOJ certificate.



SHARING RESOURCES

Why not print out the following postcards – on a half A4 page or cardboard sheet, and either:

- fill in one for a staff colleague
- share with other staff to use with colleagues or leave on someone's desk without signing your name.





You are the 'Spirit of Jesus' in action

COMPETITION IDEA

The idea on the following page is inspired came from MJR schools in Western Australia. This competition can be held in your school or Diocese. It will help to emphasise that 'Spirit of Jesus' moments and God Moments are all around us and they need to be celebrated.

Printed out photos
or photos that can
be shared
electronically?
You decide!

A Spirit of Jesus
photo might include special
acts of kindness

SPIRIT OF JESUS & GOD MOMENTS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

You can open this
competition to...
students
teachers
the school community
the diocese



What a great way to celebrate
Spirit of Jesus Moments!

God Moments
might involve
nature & God's
creation