

# COMPASSION SUNDAY LEADER'S GUIDE

## BIG POINT

Our God has a big plan to set all things right through Jesus. We are to show love to God and others.

## BIG WORD

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:30-31)

## VIDEO

Download this video to play at 'Round Three' and for discussion

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## QUESTION

What is one thing you found interesting about Colin's message?

## GAME

Games will be based on two teams. Points will be added up for all the rounds.

### ROUND 1: THINGS IN NEW LIFE KIDS

*This helps kids to identify experiences and practices that happen at church. This will help them to connect to a video later on*

**What you need:** Two teams and two team captains | pen | paper

**Instructions:** Team members will write **one** answer to the 'Game Question'. Team captains will write **all** answers to the question.

**For every correct answer between the team captain and their team member, they get 1 point.**

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## GAME QUESTION

**Name one way we show God we love Him?**

### ROUND 2: SCRIPTURE SCRAMBLE

**What you need:** 4 kids from each team | Big Word Bible verse (Mark 12:30-31) cut up and scrambled

**Instructions:** 4 kids from each team are to unscramble the bible verse.

**First team that does this correctly gets 5 points.**

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## BONUS QUESTION

**Name one way you can show love to a person you know who is left out?**

**One kid from each team to answer genuinely gets 2 points**

### ROUND 3: SAME OR DIFFERENT

*This invites kids to draw their answers from Round 1 to explore points of connection to the global church. Please set up the video now, as it will be needed for this round. This is where we will start to go into more serious discussion.*

**What you need:** 2 kids from each team | pen | paper

**Instructions:** 2 kids from each team will write down one thing that will be the same to Ps Tom's church in Uganda and one thing that is different

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**Say something like:** We'll now travel to Uganda to see how Ps Tom's church worships God together. Some things about their church time will be similar to ours. Some will be different. For everyone else, I want you to think about the ways that our time in church is similar to the time Ps Tom and his family spend in church. What do we have in common?

**Play Video – each correct answer gets 2 points (now a calmer, more serious tone as we move into serious discussion)**

**Say something like:** Even though we live far from Uganda, we all come to church to worship and show love to the same big God. This is very important for us as we learn to show love to our neighbour, because our neighbour isn't just in our town, they are also all over the world.

## ROUND 4: GOD'S BIG FAMILY

*This will help kids understand their connection to not only Ps Tom's family, but to all Christians around the globe.*

**What you need:** 4 kid from each team | pen | world map

**Instructions:** 4 kids from each team will take turns marking an 'X' of a location on the map. If they don't know the exact location, the one closest to the location gets the point.

**Locations: 1) China, 2) Uganda, 3) Brazil, 4) India – 1 point for each correct (or closest) answer**

**Say something like:** (pointing at the map) Here is where we live. And here is where Ps Tom lives in Uganda. There are members of God's family all over the world, on every continent. That is what we saw in our video as Ps Tom and his family and community worshipped God in Uganda. Now if we are in God's family, and they are in God's family, hen we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. As you look at the map these X's are places where our family lives. Even if you haven't met someone, even if they live far away, everyone who loves and follows Jesus is part of His family! God sure has a big family.

## QUESTION

If we belong to God's family in Australia (point on map) and someone else in God's family needs something here (one of the X's), what does that mean or us?

*This will challenge the kids to know how to serve and respond to others even though they live far apart*

**Prayer and Close**

## ACTIVITY

Colouring sheet to take home, or do in class (if time permits)