

## **Modern Day: The Good Samaritan**

**When telling this story it would help to have different items related to the story. For example, when talking about Mrs. Red, show them something red and give them something to associate with the person.**

“Mrs. Red was an elderly lady who lived all alone. She was always moaning about the people next door. They were called the Grey family. They were from another country. She had heard about people like them on the news who could be annoying and noisy. The children could sometimes be very noisy. They would throw things over her fence, which annoyed her intensely. She became so cross at times that it developed into quite a game for the children and they did it even more, just to annoy her.

On the other side of Mrs. Red lived the Brown family. They had a large house and plenty of money. They went in to see Mrs. Red from time to time and she gave them homemade jam, cakes, flowers, and fruit and vegetables from her garden.

Across the road lived Mr. and Mrs. Orange. They were hardly ever at home because they both had very important jobs in the city and were always busy.

Early one morning, when Mrs. Red was picking some vegetables in her garden she tripped and fell. She found that she was unable to get up. As she lay there she called out to try and attract someone's attention.

The Brown family heard her shouts but did not want to get involved so pretended not to hear her. They felt someone else would come to her aid.

Mr. and Mrs. Orange were just leaving for work and were late as usual. They drove off pretending not to have heard the cries and didn't feel they had time to help.

But Mrs. Grey saw what was happening from her bedroom window. In no time at all she was at the old lady's side helping and reassuring her. Her children, too, played their part and stayed to help even though they should have been going to catch the bus for school. They were all genuinely concerned for Mrs Red. Following their mother's instructions, one rang for the ambulance, while another fetched a blanket to keep the old lady warm.

Mrs. Red was soon taken to Casualty. After an X-ray had been taken it was revealed that she had broken her leg. She had to stay in hospital for several days. The Silver family visited her every day.

Mrs Brown and Mrs. Orange sent Get Well cards but did not go to see her.

When Mrs. Red returned home Mrs. Grey and her children continued to visit and help her. Mrs. Red no longer moaned about the noise, and enjoyed hearing the children playing in the garden. She also realized that what she heard on the news didn't apply to everyone. They in turn grew to like and respect her, and had no cause to annoy her. They all became good friends. Mrs Red realized just how wrong her judgment had been. Now she really knew her neighbours.”