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| **A Heart Of Compassion**  **Movers Shakers- 9-12 Years** | |
| **DATE** | **31st August 2025** |
| **TOPIC/TEXT** | **A Heart of Compassion/ James 1:27** |
| **OBJECTIVE** | The children will learn that as God’s children we need to have a heart of compassion for the people in our communities who are vulnerable like the orphans and the widows. As Watoto Church we have a ministry towards the orphans called Watoto Child Care and another ministry towards the widows called Neighborhood. |
| **PREPARATION** | Watch this video. <https://youtu.be/2DbNtdux6GI> and also this one <https://youtu.be/i7JPEuVjCPc> |
| **VISUALS** | Families in neighborhood |
| **BIG WORD TIME** | **Lesson Recap and Introduction:**  Hello children, I hope you are enjoying your holidays.  How much holiday work do you have?  **SAY:** I know God will enable you to do it and do it well and excel. Do you remember what we learnt last week?  Last week, we concluded lessons on the Fruit of the Holy Spirit. **What did you do differently this week to produce the Fruit of the Spirit?**  Today, is another really, really, really special Sunday. It’s Watoto Neighborhood Sunday.  A special Sunday where we highlight some of the things we do as Watoto Church to care for the vulnerable in our community- the orphans and the widows.  Let’s read **James 1:27**  *“Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.”*  As Christians, this is what God expects of us. And we cannot do this without understanding what it means to have **“A Heart of Compassion”.** That’s our Topic for today. Let’s get into our crews and learn more. |
| **CREW TIME** | **Preparation:** Think about a time you were compassionate and share it with the children. Read more about Watoto and how we can partner with the church in caring for the orphans in Watoto and the widows in Watoto Neighborhood. For the videos in the lesson, you can use your smartphone to watch with the children.  **Presentation:**  **ASK:** Did you feel welcome this morning?  **SAY:** If you did, I have a smile for you, if you didn’t feel free to either ask for a hug or a fist bump or a hi5 or a special dance.  Awesome! In our crew today, we are going learn more about **“A Heart of Compassion”.**  **ASK:**   1. What does it mean to have **“A Heart of Compassion”*? (Allow the children to respond)*** 2. From the verse we read earlier, to whom should we have **“A Heart of Compassion”** to***? (Allow the children to respond)***   That’s right! Widows are women whose husbands have died, and orphans are children whose parents or one of their parents have died. The Bible reveals God’s attitude toward orphans and widows: He cares very deeply for them. God commands us to protect and care for orphans and widows.   1. Today, and as a child, how can you have **“A Heart of Compassion”** towards the orphans and widows in our church? ***(Allow the children to respond)***   That’s right! Through Watoto Child Care ministries and Watoto Neighborhood. Let’s watch this video together. <https://youtu.be/2DbNtdux6GI> and also this one <https://youtu.be/i7JPEuVjCPc>  As Watoto Church, we encourage each other to do these 3 things to fulfill the verse we read in James 1:27 to have **“A Heart of Compassion”.**   1. Pray for Watoto Children and the Neighborhood mothers. 2. Sponsor or make a donation towards the ministry. It can be as a family, as a class in your school, or even with your friends. Only 70,000 per month. 3. Visit the Watoto Villages as a family, as a class in your school, or even with your friends, and see what God is doing when we work together and care for the orphans and the widows. |
| **CONCLUSION** | ***Teacher, find a child who can share their testimony about sponsoring in Watoto.***  God says in His Word that He is the Father to the fatherless and the Protector to the widows in Psalm 68:5. He is asking us to do the same, to have **“A Heart of Compassion”** and care for the vulnerable people. And it’s not just in Watoto but also in the community where we live and in your class. Be more compassionate to your friends who have either lost one or 2 of their parents. It hurts to lose a parents but like you saw in the video when we come and care for them, it gives them hope and a smile on their faces to live another day.  Altar Call. |
| **WEEKLY CHALLENGE** | Talk to your family about what you learn today and how you can have **“A Heart of Compassion”** and care for the vulnerable people**.** |
| **MEMORY VERSE** | **James 1:27 NLT**  *“Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.”* |