



# Values Education

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This is what some of the children say **tolerance** is:

*Listening to other people's views*

*Putting up with noise at lunchtime*

*Understanding that sometimes things go wrong*

We are all unique and have something valuable to offer and share

**Tolerance** is accepting others and appreciating differences

**Tolerance** is accepting ourselves, even when we make mistakes

**Tolerance** is accepting others, even when they make mistakes

It is certainly not easy in today's society to be a tolerant person. Through television, newspapers and the internet we are being made constantly aware of differences of culture, religion and race and the problems these differences cause. Jesus taught tolerance through a variety of stories and examples. Samaritans were much hated by the Jews, but Jesus showed in his story of the Good Samaritan that we should not judge people by what we have been told to expect but by how individuals actually behave. It is important to remember that when the disciples were not tolerant towards children and tried to turn them away, Jesus said: 'Let the children come to me; do not try to stop them; for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'

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