

WORSHIP AT HOME - WEEK 6

# Making A Difference

## BIBLE VERSE & OVERVIEW



### *The Parable of the*

*Starfish:* One day, an old man was walking along a beach that was littered with thousands of starfish that had been washed ashore by the high tide. As he walked he

*came upon a young boy who was eagerly throwing the starfish back into the ocean, one by one. Puzzled, the man looked at the boy and asked what he was doing. Without looking up from his task, the boy simply replied, "I'm saving these starfish, Sir".*

*The old man chuckled aloud, "Son, there are thousands of starfish and only one of you. What difference can you make?"*

*The boy picked up a starfish, gently tossed it into the water and turning to the man, said, "I made a difference to that one!"*

The theme for this week is 'making a difference'. The Parable of the Starfish is a very famous story about the difference that can be made through simple acts of kindness. Although he couldn't throw back every one, he could say proudly, "I made a difference to that one!".

Many Christians remember Jesus' words in the Bible about 'Let your light shine', bringing kindness and love to others. I wonder how you can 'shine' this week? How might you 'make a difference' to others?

## ACTIVITIES

- Draw a starfish, or print out a template: (<https://tinyurl.com/y8szw8t5>). Can you think of and write five ways you can 'make a difference' to others this week?



- Ask if you can light a candle. Watch it as it flickers and think about how you have made a difference to others over the past week. Be thankful for those who have shown kindness and love to you.



- Get creative! Could you create an image or artwork which represents the verse of 'let your light shine'? I wonder what you might choose to create – perhaps a paper lighthouse or candle? Display your artwork somewhere as a reminder to 'make a difference' this week. For some ideas, see: [www.pinterest.co.uk/esl52/let-your-light-shine](http://www.pinterest.co.uk/esl52/let-your-light-shine)



## Q FOR DISCUSSION



*"We cannot always do great things. But we can always do small things with great love."* Saint Mother Theresa

To what extent do you agree with this quote?

## PRAYER

Could you create your own prayer this week?

How might your prayer ask God to help you make a difference this week?

