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Little Way Week is an initiative inspired by Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, the Patron Saint of Mission. She gave to the Church a teaching called the 'Little Way'. This week we make a special effort to follow her example. It is a simple way of encouraging and inviting everyone to reach out to others with the love of Christ through seven days of witness and service.

A Short Story

There once was a little girl called Thérèse who lived in France. She tried to make good choices - she was kind to her sisters and worked hard at school, but sometimes she found that being good could be difficult. Thérèse made up her mind to try to do a good deed every day. She realised that just because she was little, it didn't mean that her little actions couldn't make a big difference. This was called her 'little way' and this little girl grew up to be Saint Thérèse.

Activity

Introduce the children to **Little Way Week** and explain that this week we are going to be thinking about how we can do little good deeds each day. Ask the children to think of some **examples** of kind little things they can do for others. This might include making a new friend at school, giving their mum a hug or cleaning up after themselves. Encourage them to think also of actions they can take for children over-seas. They could say a prayer for children without food or give some of their pocket money to the Missionary Childhood Association to help children around the world.

Using the template overleaf, invite the children to think of **one good thing they can do each day for those near and those far away**, to celebrate *Little Way Week*. Ask them to write a kind daily deed in **each of the fingers of the hand**. Try hard to stay in the lines. They needn't be long sentences, just some simple little things following the example of Saint Thérèse.

Once they have chosen their five good deeds for the week the children may colour the Mission Together logo at the centre of the palm. This logo represents **children helping children** all around the world, through praying and sharing. It reminds us that children everywhere are our brothers and sisters, and God calls us to love them as he does.

When the children have finished the activity, you could ask them to cut around the hand template and glue onto a large heart on a wall, representing the heart of Christ. Display the heart in your classroom and use it as a daily prompt as you journey through Little Way Week. Perhaps add to the heart the words of Saint Thérèse... **'Little things done out of love are those that delight the heart of Christ.'**

This week I will do five little things...

Wednesday

Tuesday

Thursday

Monday

Friday

