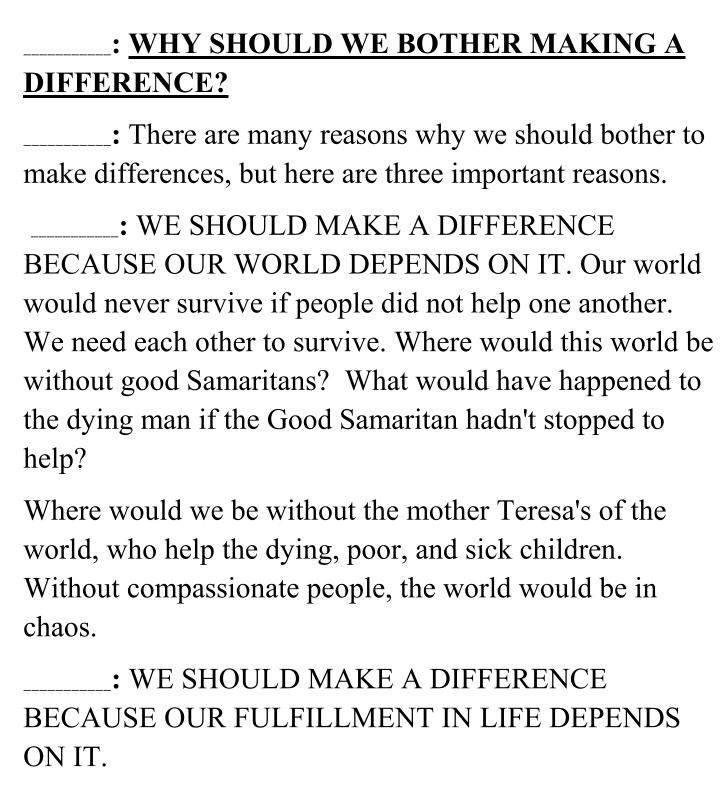




"Making a Difference"

## **INTRODUCTION:**

How often do you brighten up the lives of others with special acts of kindness?
: How often do you look for opportunities to touch people's lives?
: Have you opened a closing door?
: Have you stood up for someone when they were being put down?
: Have you gone the extra mile for someone?
: Have you ever felt that you can't make a difference on your own?
: Have you thought that maybe, just for once; if you acted on belief, you might make a big difference to someone's life?
/ : Story



Jesus never told his audience how the Good Samaritan felt when he left the inn and continued on his journey. But I am sure that he felt fulfilled because he had done something useful and good for his fellow man. Can you imagine how Paul felt when he finally delivered the money to the famine, stricken church in Jerusalem? I am sure he was glowing inside. When we help others, we help

ourselves. A deep sense of satisfaction and fulfillment floods into our lives when we take the time and energy to do something worthwhile for others -- just to lend them a hand.

# ILLUSTRATION: Video clip- The power of one : WE SHOULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE BECAUSE GOD EXPECTS IT.

#### **Gospel Reading**

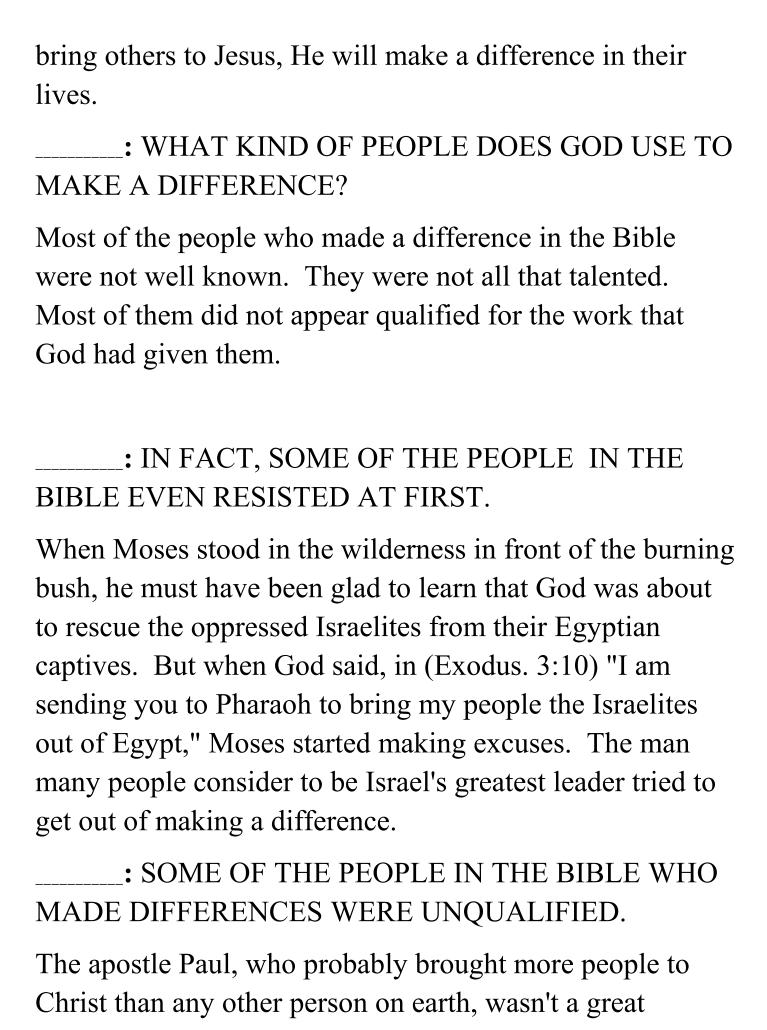
A reading from the Gospel Matthew 28:18-20).

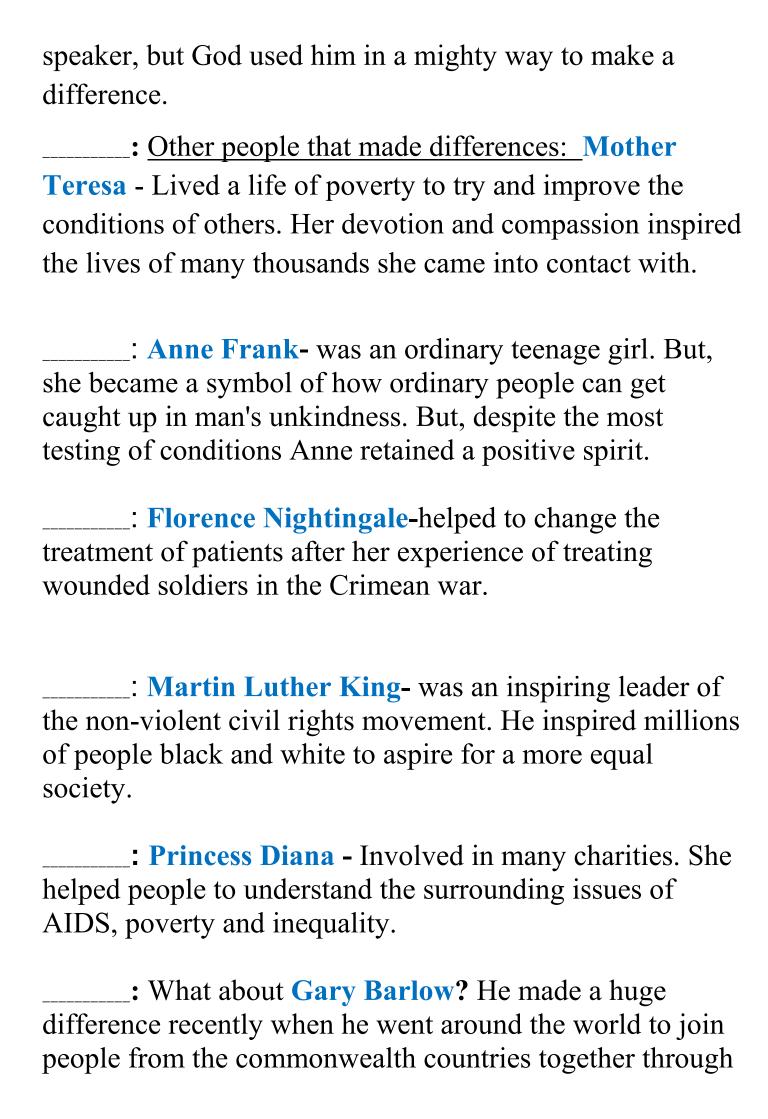
"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age"

This is the word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God.

List before Jesus ascended into heaven, He told His disciples to go into the world and make disciples. He commissioned all of us to go out into our homes, our neighborhoods, and our workplaces and make a difference in the lives of people. Because you and I know that if we





song, as a tribute to the Queen to show appreciation for all the hard work that she has done. He made a difference to so many people lives. I think the Queen was very touched by this effort.

Let's reflect on what he did.

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Sing video: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwCfeTDcx0U">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwCfeTDcx0U</a>

\_\_\_\_\_: Never believe that because you are only 1 person you won't make a difference ... Because you can.

### Prayer

\_\_\_\_: Please join your hands in prayer...

Dear Lord,

Please let us remember that each one of us is unique,

Unique in his or her family,

And unique in the world today.

Please help us to find the courage to make a difference and stand up for what we believe in.

#### Amen

**Hymn**: We are one in the spirit.