Looking After Others: assembly script

At a glance

Story: Old Wren's Quiet Day **For:** Reception and Key Stage 1 (ages 4–7) **Time:** 10–15 mins

You need: the PowerPoint. The same script is in its speaker notes. You don't need any props.

Links: Relationships and health education (primary): caring friendships; respectful, kind relationships. EYFS Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Building Relationships.

1. Welcome	Welcome, everybody. Today's assembly is about looking after other people. We're going to hear a story from Thistledown Lane called "Old Wren's Quiet Day".
2. Think about it	Ask: Who looks after you when you feel poorly? What do they do? Let two or three children share. Say: when we feel poorly, small kind things can help. In today's story, somebody on the lane isn't feeling well.
3. The story, part 1	Read: Every morning, Old Wren sings from his branch on Thistledown Lane. But one morning, there was no song. "Where's Old Wren's song?" said Bramble.
4. The story, part 2	Read: Bramble and Moss went to see him. Old Wren was fluffed up like a little brown ball. "I've got a cold," he said. His chirp had gone croaky.
5. The story, part 3	Read: "We will help," said Bramble. "We need something soft for his head, something warm for his back, and something nice for his tummy."
6. The story, part 4	Read: In the big green field, Moss picked dandelion fluff for a soft pillow. Then he sneezed. Half the pillow floated away!
7. The story, part 5	Read: In the woods, Moss found a big leaf by the tallest tree. It was so big, you could only see his feet! It was heavy, so they carried it together. Then Mam gave them a warm honey bun.
8. The story, part 6	Read: They took the three things back to Old Wren. He had a peck of honey bun. Then he said, "Chirp!" His chirp was back!

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9. Talk together	Give children half a minute with a partner for each question, then take a few answers. 1. What three things did the friends look for? Listen for: something soft, something warm, something nice. 2. The leaf was heavy. How did they manage it? Listen for: they carried it together. 3. Can you help somebody feel better without fixing everything? Listen for: yes: sit with them, share, say something kind.
10. Have a go	Do the actions together. Soft: rest your head on your hands. Warm: give yourself a hug. Nice: rub your tummy. Do it three times, a little quieter each time.
11. Remember	Read it together, slowly. Ask the children to say it back to you.
12. Quiet moment	Invite everybody to sit still, close their eyes if they would like to, and think quietly for half a minute. You can add your own school's prayer or reflection here.
13. This week	Set the challenge for the week. Do one small kind thing for somebody who is having a hard day. You could ask in your next assembly who had a go.
14. Goodbye	Say goodbye. If you have time, watch the whole episode free at https://thistledownlane.co.uk/episode-old-wrens-quiet-day (no adverts, no sign-in and no tracking).

The lesson

If a friend feels poorly, bring something soft, something warm, and something nice.

If you have longer

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