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## ☀ Values

- Courageous
- Compassion
- Heroism
- Humility
- Integrity
- Ethics
- Social Emotional Learning

## ☀ Reflection Questions

Can you imagine what it must be like to have to hide from others to save your life?

What is a pacifist? Do you know of any other famous pacifists in the world today?

If the police came to arrest someone in your family, would you offer them a meal?

What are the “weapons of the spirit” that Andre Trocme said can resist violence?

## ☀ Lessons Learned

We are all brothers and sisters of one race --the human race.

We can resist violence by becoming advocates for peace.

When we take a courageous stand, we must be ready for the consequences of our actions.

Helping others is “the right thing to do.”

# Courage to Care

Andre Trocme

France

“Will you hide the Jews?” Protestant minister, Andre Trocme was asked during World War II. When he said yes, the people in his tiny village of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, France made a collective decision to shelter Jews and because of their courageous compassion, 5,000 were saved - one for every man, woman and child in the village. Over and over, the residents were pressured to turn them in. What gave them the courage to care and risk their own lives to save others? When asked, the people simply shrugged and said, “It was the right thing to do.”

## ☀ Language Arts: SEL & Diversity

Have students role-play the story with half the class the part of Jews, the other Huguenots. Read Diary of Anne Frank; explore her life as a teenager during World War II. Discuss the challenges and frustrations she and her family endured simply because they were Jewish. Ask students imagine what it would be like to be in hiding from an enemy. Ask them to write about what they think their feelings, fears and actions would be in their journals. Add words to spelling lists or word jumbles: *pacifist, resistance, Huguenots, gendarmes*. Read *Angels and Donkeys: Tales for Christmas and Other Times* by Andre Trocme.

## ☀ Social Studies: Diversity

Watch the video *It's a Beautiful Life*. Discuss how people care about others during war. Watch video *Weapons of the Spirit* and learn more about the people from Le Chambon. Read *The Oasis of Peace* (p. 240); write a paper comparing these two villages. Study the history of the Huguenots and how their ancestors were persecuted by the Catholic kings of France.

## ☀ Community Service: Service Learning

Contact the Anti-Defamation League: [www.adl.org](http://www.adl.org). Participate in “A World of Difference.” Work with churches/ organizations on a project for homeless or immigrant families.



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