

God's Family

God's Love is for Everyone

Parents,

Please use this as a guide for presenting the lesson to your kids this week.

The story is "The Good Samaritan" and the theme of this month is:
God's Love is for Everyone

We are blessed to be called children of God, so let's use this time to show God's love to others in any way we can!

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Reference: Luke 10:25-37

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What We're Learning :

About God: God loves everyone

About Us: We can show God's love to everyone

**"See what amazing love the Father has given us! Because of it, we are called children of God."
1 John 3:1 (NIRV)**

Craft - Help the Injured Man

Materials:

- Injured Man Cutout (attached)
- Crayons or Markers
- Red Marker
- Band-aids or first aid tape

Directions:

- Copy the Injured Man Cutout
- Use the red marker to create some wounds on the injured man
- Pretend you are a Good Samaritan and put band-aids and first aid tape on the man's wounds



Pantano Christian Church

Lesson - The Good Samaritan

Wherever Jesus went people would come to hear him tell about God. They loved to hear him tell parables. Parables were stories that helped people understand important lessons.

Once a man who was an expert in the Law of God asked Jesus a question, "Teacher, what must I do to live forever?"

Jesus knew the man was an expert in God's Old Testament Laws. He asked the man what the Old Testament Law said that a person must do to live forever.

The man's answer was, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and, Love your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus told the man that he was right. That was the greatest commandment. That is the way to live forever.

Then the man asked about loving your neighbor as yourself. Did he have to love all of his neighbors or just the ones that lived close by? He asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?"

Instead of telling him the answer, Jesus told a parable. This is the parable:

A man was traveling by himself from Jerusalem to the town of Jericho. While he was on the road some robbers attacked him. They beat him up and took everything he had – even his clothes! The man was left all alone on the road. He waited and waited for someone to come by and help him.

A priest came walking by on the road. Priests were God's helpers in the temple. They knew how to worship God. They knew all of the rules of God. Do you think the priest helped the man? No, the priest went on the other side of the road and passed right by the man without helping.

Next, a Levite came along the road. Levites knew all of God's laws. They were good Jews. Do you think the Levite stopped and helped the man? No, the Levite looked at the man and then crossed the road and walked right past him. He may have been worried that the man was "unclean" and as a good Levite, he couldn't touch anything that was "unclean."

Finally, a man from Samaria came along the road. The Jews did not like Samaritans. Everybody thought that the Samaritans would never help anybody. But this Samaritan was good. He saw the man on the road and he stopped to help. He put oil and wine on the man's wounds. (Oil and wine were used for medicine in those times.) Then he lifted the man onto his donkey and took him to a nearby inn, where he took care of the man.

The next morning, the Samaritan had to leave to continue on his journey. He wanted to make sure that the injured man was taken care of so he gave money to the innkeeper. He gave him enough money so that the man could stay at the inn for two months! He even told the innkeeper that he would come back next time he was traveling and pay more money if the man was still sick.

Everyone was very surprised to hear this parable. When Jesus was finished he asked the expert in the Law of God a question, "Three men went on the road that day: the priest, the Levite and the Samaritan. Which of these men do you think was a neighbor to the man who was beaten and robbed?"

What do you think the expert in the Law of God answered? That's right, the Samaritan was a neighbor. Helping anyone who needs help is being the kind of neighbor that God wants. We don't even have to know the person. We should help anyone we see that has a need.

Review Game- Don't Get a Zero

Materials:

- 15 slips of paper with various points written on them - Have at least 3 slips of paper with the point value of ZERO
- Bowl or Bag

Directions:

- Divide into 2 teams
- Remind the kids that we never want to have ZERO love in our hearts
- Alternate asking questions between teams
- If the player answers the question correctly, he/she can pick a slip of paper out of the bag.
- Whatever point value is written on the paper will be awarded to their team
- The child may continue to pull slips of paper out of the bag if they would like, but if they get a slip that has a point value of "zero" then they will lose all the points they accumulated for that round (not for the entire game)
- The team with the most points wins the game!

Review Questions from today's story:

1. What is the greatest commandment? (To love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength, and with all your mind.)
2. After loving God, what is the second greatest commandment? (To love your neighbor as yourself.)
3. Why is the Samaritan man in Jesus' parable called the "Good Samaritan"? (He stopped and helped the man who had been robbed and hurt.)
4. According to Jesus' Parable of the Good Samaritan, who is your neighbor? (Anyone who needs help.)
5. Why did Jesus tell this story? (A man asked Jesus whom he should love—the story was Jesus' answer.)
6. Why do you think the man asked Jesus to explain who his neighbor was? (He wanted to find out whom he did and didn't have to love or whom he was required to love.)
7. Who did not treat the hurt man with love? (The Levite and the Priest.)
8. What reasons do you think they might have given for passing by? (They may have said that their churchlike responsibilities were more important than helping; they might have been afraid that the robbers would come back; they might not have had enough money to get medical help for the man; the man might be "unclean")
9. Why was it strange for the Samaritan to help? (The Samaritan was used to being hated by Jews—he might have felt he didn't need to be nice to the Jewish man.)
10. How did the Samaritan help the hurt man? (He put on medicine and bandages; he carried the man on his own donkey; he took the man to an inn where he paid for the man to stay until he was well.)
11. How did Jesus' story answer the first man's question? (It showed that anyone in need is our neighbor.)
12. How should we treat others? (We should treat them the way we want to be treated; we should love all people the way Jesus loves us.)

Questions from a previous story:

- Is the book of Esther in the Old Testament or the New Testament? (Old)
- Who was the king of Persia during the time of Esther? (King Xerxes or Ahasuerus)
- What was the name of the queen that refused to come before the king and show her beauty? (Vashti) Who was Esther's cousin? (Mordecai)
- How long did it take the women to get ready to see the king? (1 year)
- What did Esther keep as a secret about herself? (That she was a Jew)
- What ended up happening to Haman after the king knew of his plan to kill the Jews? (He was hung on the gallows he built for Mordecai)

Discussion Time:

Read this month's memory verse: "See what amazing love the Father has given us! Because of it, we are called children of God." 1 John 3:1

What does this verse mean to you? What does it mean to be a child of God?

Think for a minute about someone you know that needs to hear about God's love or maybe needs someone to share God's love with them. We all know someone like that. Maybe it's the person at your school who doesn't have many friends. Maybe it's a neighbor who isn't very kind.

It's not always easy to share God's love with others, but we need to be willing to listen when God urges us to show kindness to another person, even when we don't necessarily feel like he or she deserves it.

Questions:

- Why is it hard to show kindness and love to certain people?
- Can you think of a time when you showed kindness to someone even though it may have been difficult?
- When is it especially difficult to show love to someone?
- What can you do to make it easier to show love to others?
- When is a time that you failed to show love to someone?
- What could you have done to change your behavior in that situation?
- How does God bless us when we show love to others?