

The Connection

Weekly Bible Verse: 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." Luke 10:27 NIV

Go and Do Likewise

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

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 neighbour 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 neighbour as yourself. Did he have to love all of his neighbours or just the ones that lived close by? He asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbour?" Instead of telling him the answer Jesus told a parable. This is the parable: A man was travelling 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. 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. He took care of the man all night to make sure he was going to be well. 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. He even told the innkeeper that he would come back next time he was travelling 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 neighbour 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 neighbour. Helping anyone who needs help is being the kind of neighbour that God wants. We don't even have to know the person. We should help them just because they need help.

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Together



Together we can continue to make sure that children hear the stories of the Bible and of God's love and promises! Together let's keep doing kid's ministry at the time our kids need it most.

Additional Pages:

Coloring Page - Good Samaritan
Break the Code - Good Samaritan
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Resources:

The Good Samaritan - Crossroads Kids Club
The Good Samaritan - Saddleback Kids
Are You My Neighbor - Veggie Tales



"I Wonder" questions for Today's Lesson

I wonder how the church can be a 'good neighbor'?

I wonder, do I have a neighbor who needs my help?



I wonder what part of the story is the most important?

The church is the people.



Family Time

Jesus says in John 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." Loving one another can take on many forms. As a part of His Church, we are called to care for others. How do we do that? Despite social distancing, there are still ways to show others that we 'care' and to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this world.

- Smile and say "hello" or "good morning" to someone. 
- Leave a sweet note for someone. 

- Give praise to others whenever possible.
- Pick up trash on the street or at the park.
- Say "thank you". Anytime someone does something nice for you, say "thank you" warmly and genuinely. Use eye contact. 
- Bake cookies and share with someone.
- Do something for your mom/dad without being asked.
- Draw a picture and send it to someone.
- Paint a rock with an inspirational verse/saying and leave it where someone will find it.
- Do a sidewalk drawing so others can see it. 
- Pray for others.

The Church Cares for People

Read: Acts 2:42-47

Imagine the first church... there probably weren't many people in it. Maybe they all met in one place... like someone's house. But then they told other people about Jesus and more people believed on Him as their Savior. Now there were too many people to meet in one house, so they started meeting in different people's houses. Then more people believed and filled up even more houses. Eventually people began building special buildings called "churches" for the people to meet in together. Everyone who believes in Jesus as their Savior (sinners saved by grace) is part of His Church. In Acts we read about the early church and their purpose.

- They wanted to learn about God.
- They ate together including the Lord's Supper
- They prayed together.
- They looked for miracles.
- They hung out together.
- They shared with others.
- They looked for needs.
- They were glad and sincere.
- They praised God.
- They grew in numbers.

The early church worked together as a team. The goal of teamwork is to love God and others. That is still the church TODAY!