

Storytime with Jesus

"The Good Samaritan"

Bible Story: The Parable of The Good Samaritan – Luke 10:25-37.

God wants us to love others (especially when they are different).

Introduction:

1. Do you remember what a parable is? **Parables are stories Jesus told to teach us important lessons about the Kingdom of Heaven.**

Parables are stories Jesus told to teach us important lessons about the Kingdom of Heaven. From them, we learn what Heaven is like, what God is like, and what we should do as citizens of Heaven. We learned in the Story of the Soils that the message of The Gospel will be received differently by different people. We learned from the Unforgiving Servant the importance of forgiving one another.

The parables remind us that we represent the Kingdom of Heaven and we represent Jesus everywhere we go in the world.

In today's parable, we will study another characteristic of believers in Christ. We will learn another way that we are supposed to behave as Christians.

- Talk about the word “love” – We learned a few weeks ago what love is and what it is not.
 - Ask the children to close their eyes and imagine someone they love.
 - **Ask them WHO do they love?** *Take several examples such as: If a child says “mom” ... you say “Good answer, we should love our moms – God wants us to love our moms.*
 - *If a child says “friends” ... you say “Good answer, we should love our friends – God wants us to love our friends.*
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Say: These are all good answers, but today we are going to learn that God wants us to love everyone in our lives. Even people that we normally wouldn't like!

In the story we are going to read from the Bible, Jesus tells a man what it really means to love your neighbor. In this story there are three characters. Listen carefully to see which person really showed love.

As you read Luke 10:25–37, Be sure to engage the children with good story telling. Characters the children are listening for:

1. Priest
2. Levite
3. Samaritan

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25 Then a teacher of the law stood up. He was trying to test Jesus. He said, "Teacher, what must I do to get life forever?"

26 Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?"

27 The man answered, "Love the Lord your God. Love him with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind."^[a] Also, "You must love your neighbor as you love yourself."^[a]

28 Jesus said to him, "Your answer is right. Do this and you will have life forever."

29 But the man wanted to show that the way he was living was right. So he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 To answer this question, Jesus said, "A man was going down the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. Some robbers attacked him. They tore off his clothes and beat him. Then they left him lying there, almost dead. ³¹ It happened that a Jewish priest was going down that road. When the priest saw the man, he walked by on the other side of the road. ³² Next, a Levite^[a] came there. He went over and looked at the man. Then he walked by on the other side of the road. ³³ Then a Samaritan^[a] traveling down the road came to where the hurt man was lying. He saw the man and felt very sorry for him. ³⁴ The Samaritan went to him and poured olive oil and wine^[a] on his wounds and bandaged them. He put the hurt man on his own donkey and took him to an inn. At the inn, the Samaritan took care of him. ³⁵ The next day, the Samaritan brought out two silver coins^[a] and gave them to the innkeeper. The Samaritan said, 'Take care of this man. If you spend more money on him, I will pay it back to you when I come again.'"

36 Then Jesus said, "Which one of these three men do you think was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by the robbers?"

37 The teacher of the law answered, "The one who helped him."

Jesus said to him, "Then go and do the same thing he did!"

Another Way To Say: Jesus said that we should love our neighbors as ourselves. *What are some ways we can show love to our neighbors?*

Agree or Disagree: Tell the children that you are going to read some statements that might be ways to love your neighbor.

Ask if they agree or disagree with each statement.

Discuss the ones they disagree with and explain why we should show love in these circumstances.

1. We don't need to help people if we are watching our favorite TV show.
2. We should be extra nice to kids at school who have trouble making friends.
3. We should obey our parents right away.

Discussion:

- It is important to be kind, but who should we show kindness to?

EVERYONE!

- Jesus tells us to not only love our neighbors, but to love even those we don't know.

If we can help someone else, we should do it!

- The story we just read teaches us to show kindness, even when it's not the popular thing to do.

One of the people in the parable was a Samaritan—someone who was from a place called Samaria.

Jewish and Samaritan people didn't get along, and it had been that way for a very long time.

So, it would not have been typical for a Samaritan to help a Jewish person, even if that person were hurt and needed help.

In this story, however, not only did the Samaritan man bandage the injured Jewish man and take care of him all night.

But the next day he took him to a hotel to make sure that he was able to recover in a safe place.

Jesus taught that we are to love our neighbors the way we love our ourselves.

- What if a bully at school was sad because his grandma was sick?

You could just ignore him because he is always mean, or you could do what the Samaritan did and go out of your way to be nice to him.

- Sometimes helping our neighbors is really hard, but we can choose to show others the love God has shown us.

Today, I want to encourage you to look for opportunities to be kind to everyone.

Someday you will need other people's kindness in your life too!

Additional Discussion Questions: (Cover as many as you wish or have time for).

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTION

1. How do you show kindness to others?
2. Why is it important to be kind to everyone?
3. Is it difficult to be kind to people who are mean to you? Why?
4. What is the nicest thing anyone has ever done for you?
5. What is the nicest thing you have ever done for someone else?

Did you go out of your way to be nice? How? Why?

6. Can you think of any other times that the Bible talks about showing love or being kind to others?
7. Come up with one thing you can do this week to show kindness to someone.
8. What could you do to show kindness to the people in your family

Describe what it looks like to be kind to each other in your home.

9. Do you think it's easier to be kind to a stranger or someone you know? Why?
10. Take a minute to think about someone who doesn't treat you very nice.

Let's Pray!

Memory Verse: "You must love your neighbor as you love yourself." Luke 10:27

Videos:

Here is a video to help explain the story as well:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=osfQg4yKtq8> Parable of The Good Samaritan

<https://app.pureflix.com/videos/404186150802/veggietales-are-you-my-neighbor?recommended=q%3Aare%20you%20>

- Veggie Tales – Are you my neighbor?

Craft: Who is my neighbor ?

Need: Cut out template, crayons, markers, scissors, sticky tack and small mirror.



Feel free to take a picture of their art work or share how your activity went!
Post it on our Facebook page or share it on GroupMe. Have a Blessed Day &
Week! Until we can meet again

~ *Teacher Chrissy*

Thank you to <https://ministry-to-children.com/> for their resources and helping share the gospel with all children.

Thank you to <https://truewayskids.com> for great craft ideas and templates

Love your neighbour mirror sign



Love your neighbor
as yourself - Luke 10:27

What you need:

Template page,
Coloring pencils or crayons,
Scissors,
Sticky tack.

What to do:



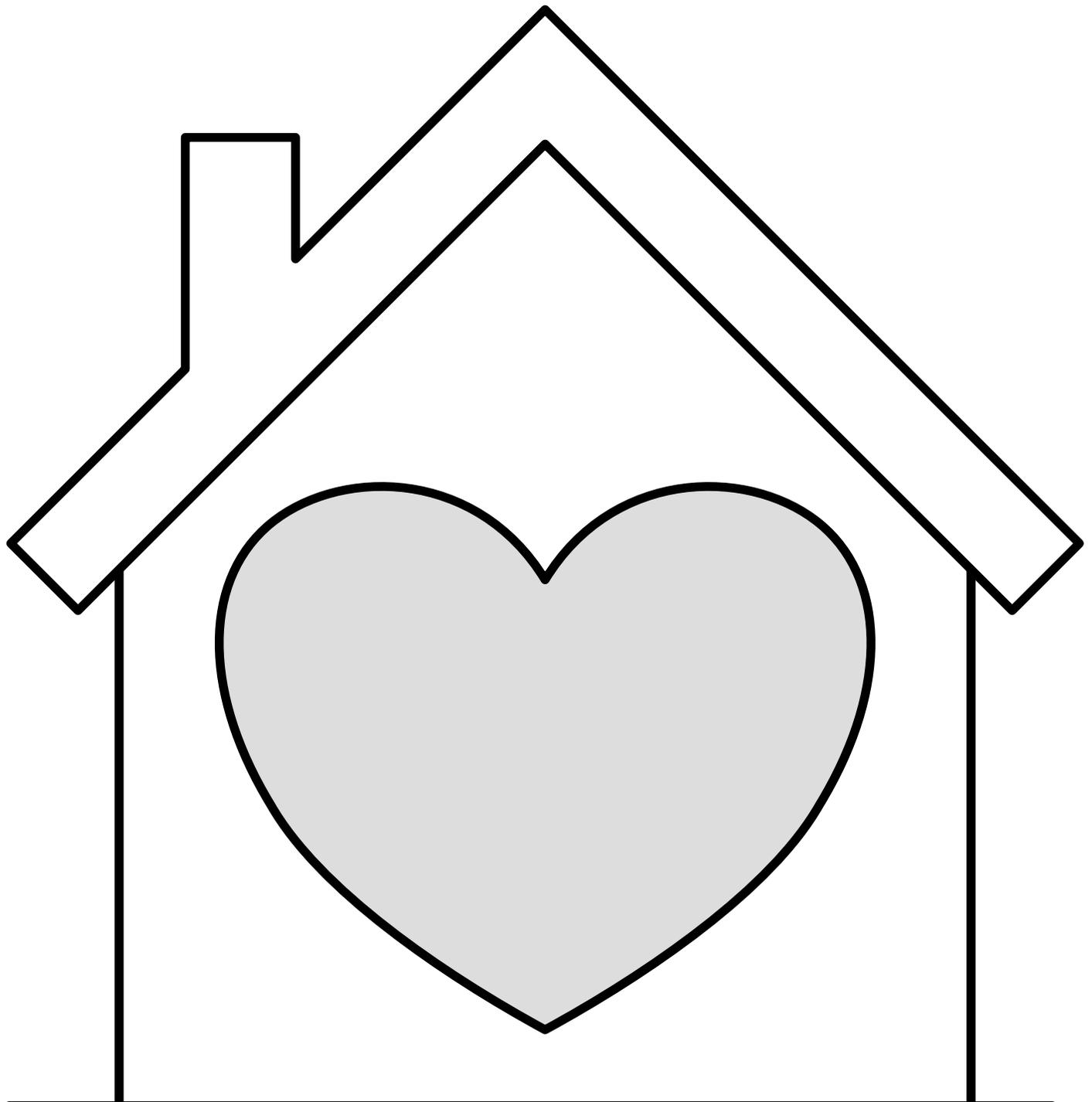
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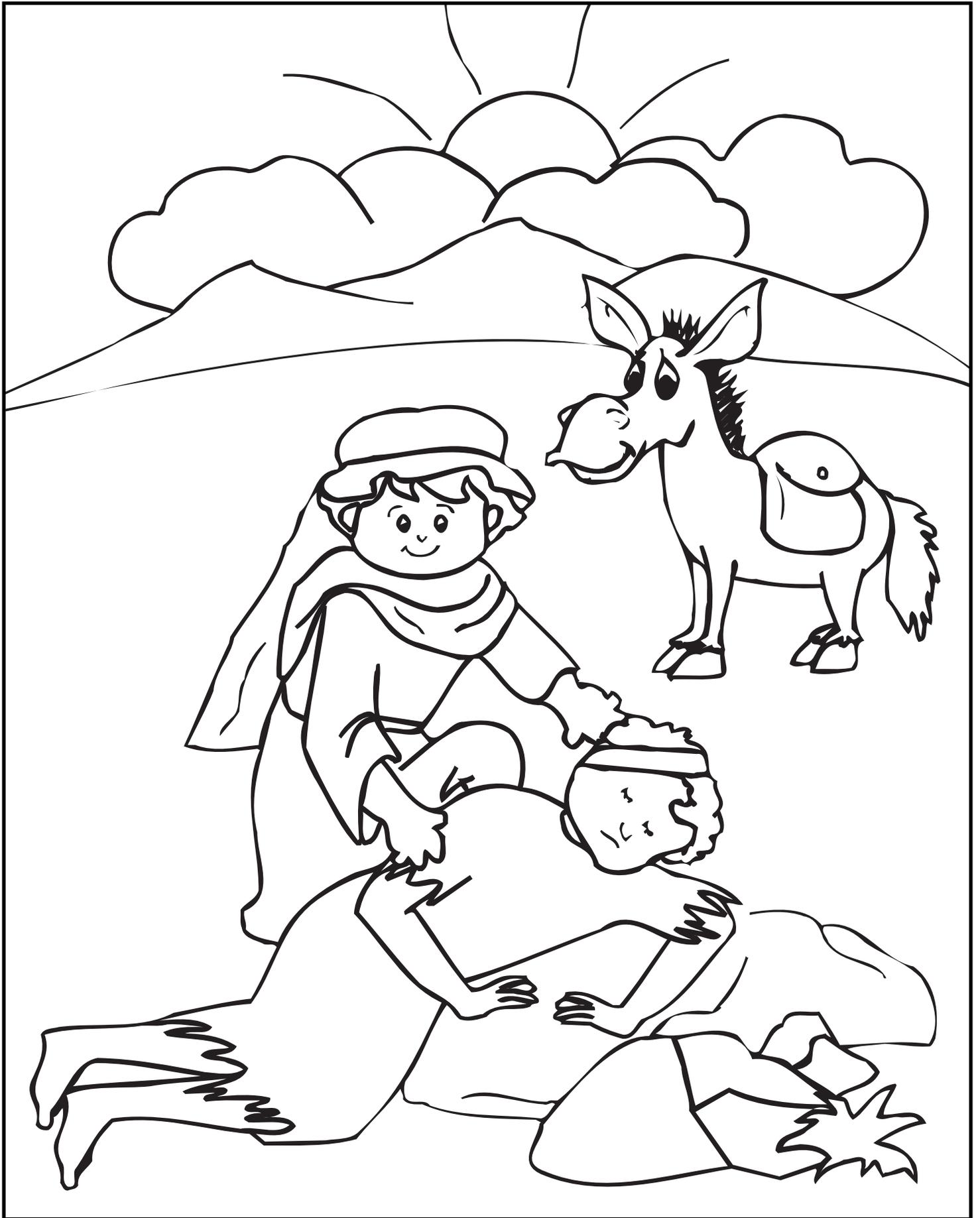
Cut around the house. Ask
an adult to help cut out
the heart.



Use some sticky tack to
attach to a mirror or place
a photo of yourself in the
frame



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The Good Samaritan Caring for the Injured Man