

Youtube Link for Teachers: <https://youtu.be/mE3aIBdO5io>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/xpx-U4iTfQo>

Worship Theme: God values compassion.

Memory Verse: And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' (Matthew 22:39)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Listen! All Little Children <https://youtu.be/ewu6Tfpo5Vo>
2. Mercy Is Falling https://youtu.be/3Dvd4xrD_TI
3. I Have a New Commandment <https://youtu.be/lio2oGzBFz8>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "Button Up the Shirt"

Material need: 2 shirts with a lot of button

1. Divide the children into 2 groups and chose 2 children from each group to play.
2. When the teacher says to start, the 2 children have 1 minute to put on the shirt on one child and have their partner button it as quickly as possible. The group who finishes buttoning the shirt correctly first wins the game.
3. Continue to play the game with other children.
4. After the game, explain to the children that God always wants us to help each other and show compassion because God always shows compassion to us.



Introduction:

Who is your neighbor? Are they people who live close to you? People who are nice to you? People who take care of you? Today, Jesus answers this question with a story of a good Samaritan man. Let's learn together!

Bible Story:

One day, a Jewish teacher of the Law asked Jesus how he can inherit eternal life. So Jesus asked him what the Law says. In Luke 10:27 it says, "He answered, '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.'" This was a good answer, so Jesus told him to follow this law.

Then the Jewish teacher of the Law asked, "Who is my neighbor?" To answer this question, Jesus tells a story.

Jesus says there was a man who was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho which was about 27 km. This was a dangerous road where there were many robbers, and this man was attacked, robbed, and left to die on the road.

Then a priest, who is like a pastor, came on the same road and found the man hurt and dying on the road. But he did not offer any help and just walked away. Then a Levite, who is not a priest but someone who assists the priest, came by and found the dying man. But he also just walked away without giving him any help!

Finally a Samaritan man was passing by and found this man who was hurt and dying. Jews had no respect for the Samaritans and did not like them. But this Samaritan man not only bandaged the wounds of the man but also took him to an inn and paid for all the cost. He even promised to pay whatever extra it cost the innkeeper to take care of this man!

Jesus told this story to explain that neighbors are people who show compassion to

others. Compassion is important to God because God is compassionate. Sometimes it is easy to forget to be kind and compassionate to people. Maybe we are busy or maybe we don't care about them. But God is love, and he wants all of us to be good neighbors to people around us by showing compassion to them like the good Samaritan.

Questions to discuss:

1. What happened to the man who was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho? (he was robbed and beaten and left to die on the road)
2. Why do you think the priest and the Levite just walked away without helping? (Maybe they were busy; maybe they thought he was dead, maybe they didn't want to touch dead body; maybe they didn't care)
3. Do you think the priest and the Levite made a good choice? (No! We should always help people)
4. Who are some people to whom you should show compassion to? (family, friends, neighbors, etc.)
5. How can you show compassion to these people? (Let the children answer)

Game: "Don't Touch the Ground"

Material need: rubber bands



1. Divide the children into 2 groups.
2. Have each group send out 4 people.
3. When the teacher says a number, that is the number of feet that can touch the ground. For example, if the teacher says 4, then everyone has to lift up their foot to make 4 feet touching the ground. If the teacher says 3, then they can only have 3 feet touching the ground.

4. The team what has more or less feet touching the ground loses the game. The winning team gets a point.
5. Continue to play the game until everyone had a chance to play.
6. After the game, explain to the children that they can show compassion in every situation of life. God always shows compassion to us, so we must be compassionate to people in our lives.

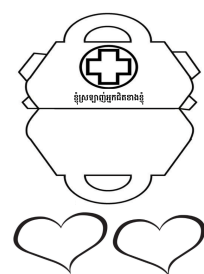


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Craft: "I Love My Neighbor"

Materials Needed: Print craft sheet, crayon, scissors, glue, pencils



1. Print and give a sheet to each child.
2. Have the children color and decorate it.
3. Have the children write something kind inside the heart about someone they want to give this bag to.
4. Cut out the bag and the hearts.
5. Glue the bag using the tabs on the side.
6. Put the hearts inside the bag.
7. Give it to someone to whom they want to show compassion.



Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)
 We're all sinners, and without Jesus to cleanse us from our sin, we're hopelessly unclean. But, greater than the good Samaritan, Jesus showed us kindness that changed our lives forever. Think about how God has shown you mercy in your life. How have those experiences affected you? God wants to save us through the sacrifice of his Son, but he also wants us to show others acts of kindness because we are saved. Consider some ways you can be a good neighbor by communicating God's love through your actions.

