

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Bible Text: Luke 10:25-37

Lesson Focus: Jesus teaches us to love our neighbors without boundaries.

Big Question: I know my enemy, and I know my neighbor, so how can they be the same person?

Key Words: PRIEST, LEVITE, SAMARITAN, NEIGHBOR

BIBLE CONNECTION

-] Jesus told many parables, which were stories that taught a lesson.
-] Jesus told this parable as an answer to the question, "Who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29).
-] In the story, a man was walking along a dangerous road when he got jumped (Luke 10:30).
-] Religious leaders walked past the dying man because they didn't want to be "unclean" (Luke 10:31-32).
-] A Samaritan man cared for the dying man (Luke 10:33-35).
-] In Jesus' time, Samaritans were enemies of the religious leaders.
-] Jesus got in a lot of trouble for this story.
-] The Samaritan was the true neighbor because he showed mercy (Luke 10:37).
-] A neighbor isn't just someone who lives close to us.
-] We are neighbors because of how we treat others—and sometimes that means doing things that make us a little uncomfortable!

CARTOON CONNECTION

-] Along with the people living next door, who are your neighbors?
-] How have people been good neighbors to you?
-] What is a boundary that separates you from loving and caring for a neighbor right now?



STUDENT BOOK CONNECTION

Here We Stand Student Book page 212: How to Care for the Sick

-] How can you care for people you know who are suffering from illness or injury?

Here We Stand Student Book page 195: How to Work for Peace and Justice on Behalf of People Who Are Poor and Oppressed

-] How can you help people in need in your congregation, your state or province, or the world?

Here We Stand Student Book page 39: The Three Most Rebellious Things Jesus Did

-] How can you be rebellious like Jesus?
-] What could you defend in God's name that society might not approve of?
-] Are there any leaders today who fit this description?

LIFE CONNECTION

Find a person in your congregation who needs a neighbor. Maybe you know a really busy parent who needs child care. Maybe you know an older person who could use a card or a visit. Choose one person and then figure out a way to be a neighbor to that person. Like Jesus teaches us, we can love without boundaries.

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Word Scramble

Unscramble the words to answer the clues below.

1. TAMASRAIN ○○○○○○○○

2. EELITV ○○○○○

3. WYALER ○○○○○

4. BENORGIH ○○○○○○○○

5. HENGSR TT ○○○○○○○○

6. WEELI KS ○○○○○○○○

1. This person was a neighbor to the man in need.
2. One of the people who walked by the man in need.
3. The man who asked, "Who is my neighbor?"
4. A person who shows mercy.
5. Love God with all your heart, soul, and _____.
6. "Go and do _____" (Luke 10:37).

Answers: 1. Samaritan 2. Levite 3. lawyer 4. neighbor 5. strength 6. likewise