WE ARE THE CHURCH: TOGETHER AND APART



Week Four - "Living Out God's Love"

Contact the Church Office with any questions! (570)325-3757 or 903clcoffice@gmail.com



SUPPLIES NEEDED: several pieces of plain paper, markers/crayons, stapler, bright colored acrylic/poster paint or cornstarch, food coloring & water, cup of water, paintbrushes, plate or cup to mix colors if necessary, painter's tape or masking tape (window cleaner & paper or old towels) ***adult or teen supervision for craft is recommended.

WEEK FOUR VIDEO LINK: CAMP AT HOME LINK - WEEK FOUR

- WELCOME & MUSIC Ms. Pam & Stacy
- DEVOTIONS Pr. John & Ms. Lea & Jeremy
 - READ <u>Luke 10: 25-37</u>; NRSV

OR READ – Jeremy – *The Good Samaritan*; Spark Story Bible

A clever man who thought he knew all the rules for living God's way asked Jesus a question. He wanted to see if he could trick Jesus into giving the wrong answer. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to live forever with God?" Jesus asked another question. "What do the commandments say?"

The man answered, "The commandments say you should love God with everything you have. And you should love your neighbor as much as you love yourself." Jesus replied, "That's the right answer! Live like this and you'll live with God forever." "So, Jesus," the man continued "who's my neighbor?" Jesus answered with a story.

A man was travelling down a scary and rocky road by himself. All of a sudden, a group of men jumped out. They stole his money and hurt him, leaving him by the side of the road. He moaned and groaned in pain. He couldn't get up. A little while later a priest was going down the road. He saw the hurt man and passed by him on the opposite side of the road. Later, another man came along and passed on the other side of the road too. When a Samaritan came along and saw that the man was hurt, he stopped to help him. A tear ran down the Samaritan's cheek as he bent down to help the hurt man. He put bandages on the man's cuts. The Samaritan huffed and puffed as he tried to lift the man onto his donkey.

He took the man to the nearest inn and put him in a room. He took care of him for the rest of that day. The next day the Samaritan had to leave for a few days. He paid the innkeeper to take care of the hurt man. The Samaritan promised to return and pay the innkeeper any more money that was needed to care for the man. He wanted the man to get better.

After Jesus finished the story, he asked the clever man, "Which of the three men was a neighbor to the man who was hurt?" The man replied, "The one who stopped to help him." Jesus told him, "God wants us to help everyone. People of every size, shape, and color and from every country are important to God. Now, go and be like the Samaritan and help everyone who needs help."

- CRAFTS Ms. Jill (adult or older teen supervision recommended)
- NATURE PROJECT Ms. Lea
- WRAP-UP & MUSIC –Ms. Pam

Additional ideas for the young and young at heart:

- Storytime Maybe I Can Love My Neighbor Too, Jennifer Grant
- **Table Talk!** (questions for the family/thoughts to consider)
 - When have you experienced acts of kindness this week? Where have you seen God working in your life or experienced joy this week?
 - Think of how you can show love to your neighbor and to yourself this week! Pick up litter in your neighborhood, call a relative to say hi, check in on an elderly neighbor, write a thank you to a delivery person, pick up an extra grocery item for the food pantry, be kind to a stranger!

