



## Family Worship Guide 21

### Good Samaritan

#### Look Up and Read Together

Luke 10:29-37

#### Watch the Video

I love the characters in this video depiction of the parable of the Good Samaritan.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZeyYYmFINm4&feature=related>

#### Make Your Characters

Make some characters and then retell the parable in your own words, or as someone reads the scripture passage. Here are some ideas of how you can create people:

- Start with a biscuit and make arms from slices of carrots, celery, or pretzel sticks. What other foods could you use? A fruit roll-up could be your road.
- Use your little Lego people ... or better yet ... make some bigger people out of Legos to represent the different people in Jesus' parable. Don't forget to make a road!
- How about using Teddy Grahams or E.L.Fudge cookies and eat the parable when you're done!
- Play dough is always a great medium for creating your favorite things.
- HAVE FUN!

#### Talk Time

- When Jesus says you are supposed to love your neighbors, who is your neighbor?
- If you just hope that someone will help in a bad situation, are you being a good neighbor? Are you being a good Samaritan? The priest and the Levite saw the man who was hurt, but they didn't do anything. If you just hope someone helps the hurt person, then you're passing by.
- I don't want to be the one who passes by on the other side of the road. Do you?
- I want to be the one who acts, the one who serves, and the one who helps
- Look at the scripture passage. What were the last words Jesus said?

#### Eye-Opening Activity

You'll need about a dozen pieces of scrap paper, a marker, and some play money (Monopoly, or just some scrap paper you've labeled with money amounts, will work.)

***What hurts your heart to see someone going through?*** Maybe another way to ask this same question is to say, ***"If you had \$1,000 to give to someone to help them, who would you give it to and why?"*** On each piece of paper write down one of the answers that family members contribute until you have about 12.

Here are some starters for consideration (but don't feel like these have to be included in yours):

- an organization that gives Bibles away
- support of an orphan child
- the homeless man standing on the corner with a cardboard sign
- a kid who needs a brain operation
- a boy who can't afford to go to summer camp
- a friend in your class who doesn't have a winter coat
- a farmer whose crops were destroyed by flood
- a man who has lost his job
- someone who needs a hearing aid.

Lay the pieces of paper your family has come up with around the room. Give each family member the same amount of play money—maybe \$1000 in Monopoly money. Everyone must evaluate how they will contribute their play money by the compassion they have towards the various issues, and then walk around and place their money all in one place or in different places.

When everyone has given their \$1,000 away, talk about what the children connected with. ***All of these causes are things that we should be concerned about and have compassion for. You can't do it all. I can't do it all. But look what happened when we all gave some. We all DID something. And, when we all DO something, because of the compassion God puts in us, we are the hands and feet of Jesus. Things will change when we have compassion!***

### **Talk Time**

- Using your money is one way to help people, but it's not the only way.
- Name some other ways you can be a Good Samaritan and be the one who helps.

### **Wrap Them Up**

Designate someone in the family to be the wounded man. Use a stretchy ace bandage or a roll of gauze to let your kids do the bandaging. Roll up the bandage and switch who is wounded and who is helping.

Don't forget to take a picture and post it on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/224923212204867>

### **This Week's Challenge**

- Go and do! Go and act! Get off the other side of the road!
- What "neighbor" can you help this week? What will you do?

## **Prayer**

*Dear God, I don't want to pass by when someone needs help, even if it's someone I don't know or like. Help me to be more like the Good Samaritan who saw the need and did something about it. Help me to really love all people. Amen.*

