

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

VBS Lesson Outline | Luke 10:25-37

THE BIG IDEA

Our neighbor is anyone who needs help. Jesus told this story to show that loving God means loving others, even people who are different from us. We show God's love when we help those in need.

MEMORY VERSE

"Love your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27, NIV)

OPENING (5 minutes)

Ask: Who is your neighbor? Someone who lives next door? What about someone at school? Today Jesus is going to teach us who our neighbor really is.

STORY TIME (10 minutes)

Tell the story from Luke 10:25-37. Key points: (1) A man asked Jesus, 'Who is my neighbor?' (2) Jesus told a story: A man was robbed and left hurt on the road. (3) A priest saw him and walked by on the other side. (4) A Levite (a religious helper) also passed by without helping. (5) A Samaritan, someone Jews usually avoided, stopped to help. (6) He bandaged the man's wounds, took him to an inn, and paid for his care. (7) Jesus asked, 'Who was the neighbor?' The one who showed mercy.

DISCUSSION (5 minutes)

Questions to ask: Why do you think the priest and Levite did not help? Why was it surprising that the Samaritan helped? Who is your neighbor? How can you show love to someone different from you this week?

ACTIVITY TIME (15 minutes)

Option A: Helping Hands Card (see craft sheet). Option B: Coloring page. Option C: Memory verse practice with hand motions.

CLOSING PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for this story and what it teaches us. Help us to remember love your neighbor. In Jesus' name, Amen.