

# MD KIDS CURRICULUM: LUKE

Week 12: The Good Samaritan (from Luke 10: 25-37)

## To the Teacher:

*This is likely a story you are very familiar with. The kids you teach may or may not be, as well. As you prepare this week, pray for the Spirit to open your eyes and heart afresh to this story. Pray the Spirit will convict you in areas you do not live this out, while reminding you of God's grace, forgiveness, and power to walk in this way of love. Pray for the kids to truly grasp the magnitude of love Jesus calls us to walk in, and our need for his Spirit to do so.*

**Big Idea and Missio Basic:** Love God and love people so that everyone can know God's love.

**Starter Ideas:** You may choose to set up all or some of these activity centers for the children to play with or do as they arrive. Help children with the activities. Kids can stay in one center or travel to more than one.

1. Coloring Page: Set out the coloring page for the kids to color. As they color talk to them about a neighbor. (someone close to you, lives next door- maybe ask if they have friends that live next door) They might not know the word neighbor and this would be a good time to introduce it before reading the story.
2. Free Play: Allow the kids to play with the classroom toys. (dolls, basketball, cars, tea party set, dress up, etc)
3. Use play dough to make hearts. As the kids make the hearts ask them to list people that they love.

**Circle Time:** When all the kids have arrived and have had time to participate in at least one center, walk around the room and have each child follow you around the circle until you have a line with everyone in it. Lead them to the circle for prayer time. (Like playing follow the leader.)

**Welcome Song:** (To the tune of "Are You Sleeping?")

**Welcome, [Name]**  
**Welcome, [Name]**  
**Hear God's Word**  
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**We can trust in Jesus.**

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**Welcome, friends.**

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Repeat until every kid and adult has been welcomed.

**Jesus taught us to share peace. We share peace in a special way by repeating Jesus' special words. Jesus used these words of peace when the disciples were scared. Jesus said, "Peace be with you." We share the peace of Jesus. During worship we can say, "Peace be with you."**

Make sure kids are sitting in a circle on the floor. Kneel down in front of each person/kid and share God's peace by shaking their hand and saying, "Peace be with you." Remember to honor those kids who do not want to be touched! **Let's all say Jesus' words of peace. "Peace be with you."** Repeat a few times before moving on to prayer.

### **Prayer Time:**

**Praying for Others:** Ask the kids if they have anything that they would like to have prayed for. Share requests and then have someone pray for them. Remind the kids to pray for friends throughout the week.

**Praying Together:** *Father, sometimes we treat other people badly, especially if they are different or we decide we don't like them. Forgive us. We know You sent Jesus to come and live on earth as our neighbor, going out of his way to love us, care for us, and heal us. We need Your Spirit to help us to do the same for other people, so they will know Your love. Amen.*

**Story:** from Luke 10: 25-37

[READ]

One day a teacher of God's Law wanted to test Jesus, so he asked what he needed to do to live forever. Jesus answered, "You teach God's Law, so you know. What does it say?" The man replied, "We are to love our God with all our heart, all our soul, all our strength, and all our mind. And also love our neighbor as our own self." Jesus said, "You're right. If you do that you will live." But the man wanted to justify how he treated people so he asked, "Who is my neighbor that I should love?"

Jesus answered by telling a story. *"A man was traveling when robbers stole everything from him and beat him so bad he couldn't walk. Later, a priest walked by him on the road and when he saw the hurt man, he walked to the other side of the road to stay away from him. Then, a man who served in the*

*temple passed the same way; he stayed as far away from the hurt man as possible. Finally, a Samaritan man came by."*

The teacher of the Law Jesus was speaking to, and every other Jewish person, did not like Samaritans very much. They thought Samaritans were not very good and God didn't love them as much as He loved the Jews. If the good religious people didn't help the hurt man, what would the Samaritan do?

Jesus continued, *"The Samaritan had compassion on the hurt man. He cleaned him up, bandaged his wounds, and placed him on his horse. He brought him to an inn (which was like a hotel) and took care of him. When he had to leave, he gave the innkeeper money and asked him to care for the man. 'If it costs you more money to help him, I'll pay you back!' he told the innkeeper."*

*"Now," Jesus asked, "which of these three was a better neighbor to the hurt man? The priest, the temple worker, or the Samaritan?" The man answered, "The one who showed love and mercy." Then Jesus told him, "I want you to be like that man."*

[Reflection]

1. According to Jesus, who is your neighbor? (everyone, even those we do not know)
2. Jesus wants us to remember that we are to love everyone, even those that are different from us.
3. Who are people that are different from you? As their neighbor, how can you show them love?

**Snack Time: Let's take a big stretch!** Pause for kids to stretch and get the wiggles out. Clean the table for snack time. Help the kids wash hands together before delving into today's snack. Sing songs while you wash hands. You can give them each a wipe or a squirt of hand sanitizer. Have the children have a seat at the table. Today's snack is goldfish or veggie straws. Make sure none of the kids have an allergy to them. Begin passing out the napkins, goldfish or veggie straws, and cups of water.

### **BLESS Activity:**

*\*For kids to do during the week\**

**Bless** one of your neighbors on your street this week by helping with their yard, bringing them their mail, or inviting them over for dinner. Ask your parents how to do this with their help.

Optional playground time: If you have extra time please feel free to take the kids to the playground. Please be mindful that preschool playground time does not start until 5:30PM.

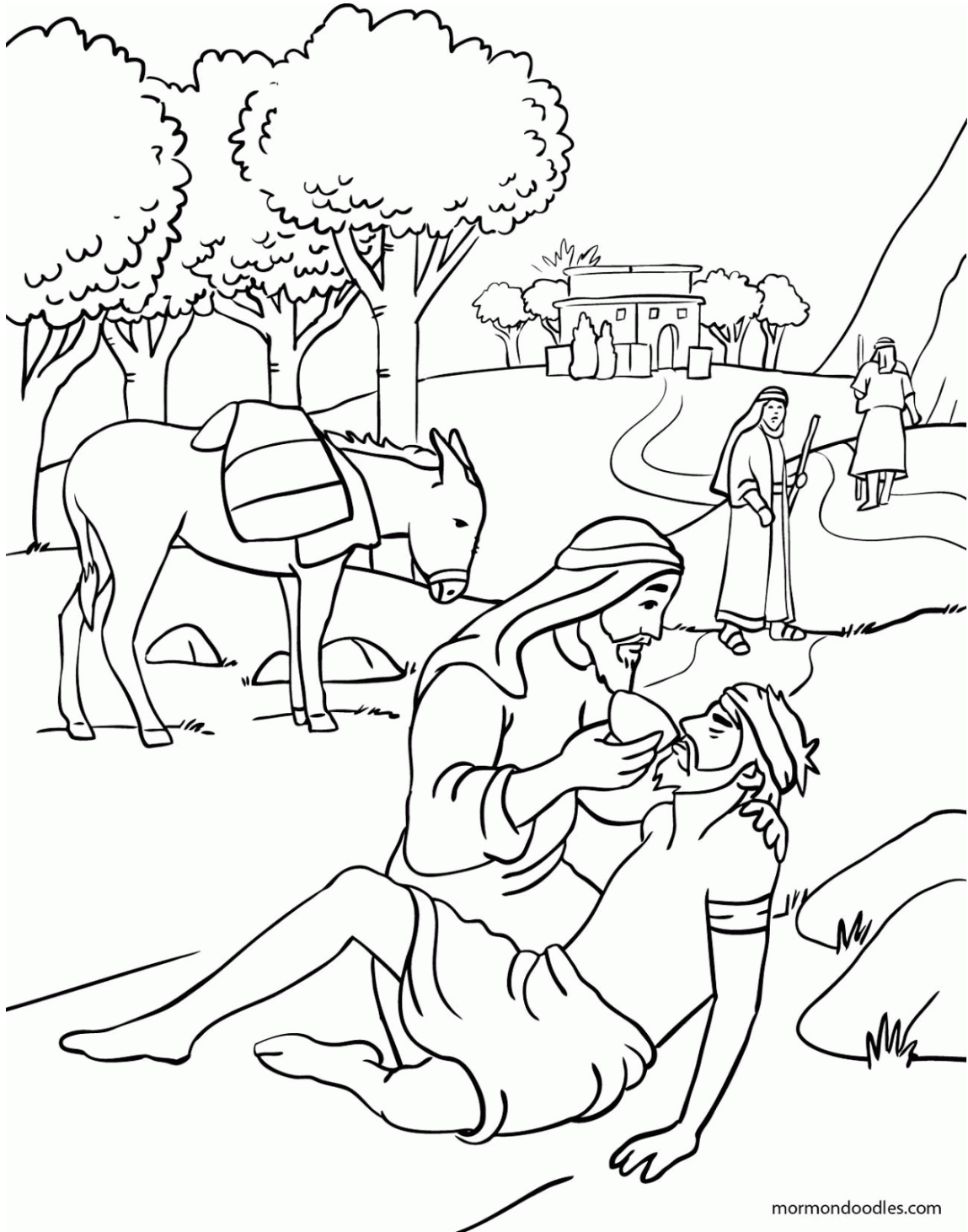
**Closing Prayer:**

**Dear God,**

**Thank you for your word, The Bible.**

**Thank you that Jesus helps us love everyone, even people that are different from us.**

**Thank you God, Jesus and Holy Spirit.**



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