

Adventures with GOD!

HELP OTHERS (A.2.Winter.8)

Biblical Reference	Luke 10:25-37
Key Verse	Galatians 6:10
Key Concept	God wants us to help others.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: 1. Narrate how the Samaritan helped the injured man 2. Tell how they can help others 3. Explain why God wants us to help others

Life Application

The story of the Good Samaritan shows us that love is an action and it shows us how God wants us to help each other. This week, motivated by the Bible story, the children will think of ways that they can help others. For example, helping another child when he or she falls down, helping his or her brother clean his room, helping the teacher handout work sheets. From the time they are little children can learn to not only talk about love, but show love.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Opening prayer	Candle	1 minute
Introduction	First aid kit, Band-Aids	10 minutes
Bible exploration	Bible, figures, gift, fabric	10 minutes
Drama	costumes	10 minutes
Craft	Work sheets, band aids, crayons	10 minutes
Bible verse and snack	Bible verse	10 minutes
Closing prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

Opening Prayer: Gather children around a candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them, palms up, as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today. Light the candle.

Prayer: “God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen.” (For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer.)

Introduction: Show the first aid kit and talk about what it’s. You can show the different things it contains and ask the children what each item is used for. Ask them if they have ever had to use the things that are in a first aid kit. When they are hurt who makes them feel better?

Bible exploration: Start by narrating the story of the good Samaritan found in Luke 10:25-37; have the first aid kit nearby. Use the illustrations you find in the lesson (color them beforehand). Here is an example of how the story can be told:

“A man was walking down a road when two robbers assaulted him and took everything he had. They hit him and left him on the side of the road. Another man walked down the road where the man was hurt and when he saw him laying on the road he got closer to look and then kept walking. Later another man came walking down the road; he too saw the man who was hurt on the side of the road, but he kept walking. But later a man from Samaria was walking down the road and he saw the man who was hurt and had compassion for him. He approached him, took care of his wounds and took him to a place where he could recover.”

“Just as the Samaritan helped this man, we can help others. God wants us to help people. God wants us to help people with all sorts of different needs. This is one way to obey God because God commands us to love each other. When we help each other we show our love.” How did the Samaritan help the person who was hurt? What are ways we can help people?

Drama: If possible, before the class time find things you can use as costumes (towels, sheets, scarves, fabric). Have a group of children help you to act out the story. You can read it and help them to act it out.

Craft: The instructions for the craft today are found in the following pages. Before class make sure you have the necessary materials ready to make the craft. Always be prepared to help the littlest children. They can think about someone they want to help this week. Pray for the children and for the people they will help.

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Snack and Verse: While serving the snack, take advantage of the opportunity to teach the verse and repeat it with them. In the following pages you will find an idea for a visual aid that can help them to learn the verse. Have helpers to serve the snack and clean up after.

Closing Prayer: Gather children around the candle again. Light the candle.

Prayer: Thank you God for making us, Thank you God for making the world. Amen

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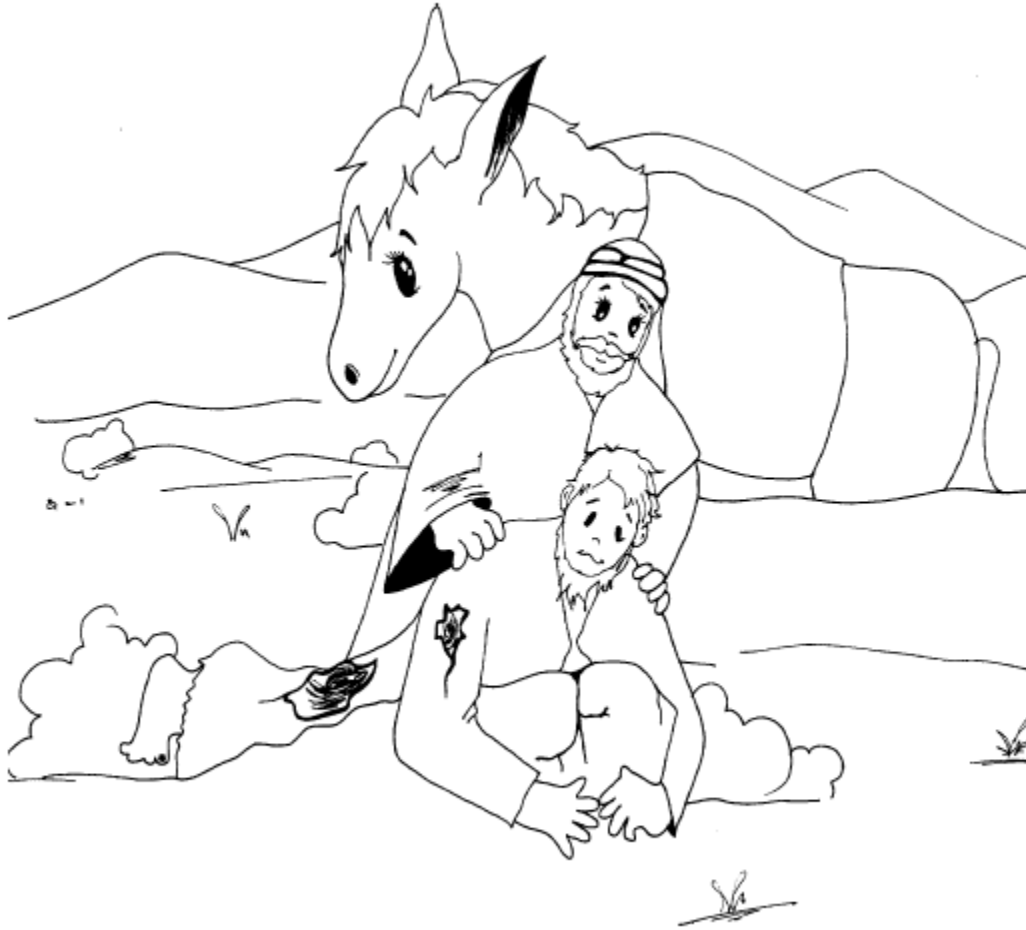
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



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VISUAL AID FOR BIBLE VERSE

So when we can 

do good 

to everyone 

let us do it. 

 Galatians 6:10

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CRAFT

Materials: band aids, white paper, crayons

Instructions:

1. Help them to make a picture using crayons and band aids. For example, with band aids they can form a house and then draw people inside.

Note: while they work, ask them what they are making and talk with them about who they want to help as a way of showing God's love.

