

The Good Friend.

Aim

God wants us to love others.

Bible Passage

Luke 10:25-37

Over the last few weeks the children have been looking at parables - the stories Jesus told. This week we are looking at the Good Samaritan Story and how we can be a good friend and care for each other.

Worship Time

Here are a few songs you could sing together;

- Love your neighbour (You're a Star CD - Track 17)
- When I needed a neighbour - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7a7LdgRh-k>

Have a time of prayer thinking about those you may know who are sick or injured. Say that God loves each one of them and wants to be close to them. In our story today, we are going to hear about an injured man.

Pray, 'Thank you, God, that you love us so much. Thank you, God, that you want to be close to us. We pray for those who may be sick or injured (add in names of those you know). Help us to be good friends to each other and to those that we meet.'

Amen.

Bible Time

Read the story of the Good Samaritan from a children's Bible or you could watch the story on YouTube using this link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=osfQg4yKtq8>

Think about the meaning of the story. How can we be a good friend? What Jesus is teaching us in this story? If appropriate, think about how we can help those during our time of isolation and how we can still be a friend.

Game Time

Play the 'What should we do?' game to help us think about being a good friend.

Make up some scenarios and decide what to do. If you have a few people, why not get into teams? One team acts out something that has happened and the other team suggests what to do. Here are a few scenarios, why not make up a few of your own!

- A child is standing on their own
- Someone has been hurt in the playground
- Two children are arguing over a toy

Craft ideas

1. 'Love you neighbour' butterfly
 - Cut out a butterfly shape.
 - Decorate this with any stickers you have or finger paint!
 - Add a peg for the butterfly body.
 - Write out the words 'Love your neighbour as yourself' Luke 10:27 and attach.
2. A good friend cloud
 - Using white paper, cut out a cloud shape.
 - Add the words, _____ is a good friend because _____
 - Cut out coloured strips and write on words that make you a good friend.

