

The Good Samaritan

Babies and Toddlers

Bible Passage: Luke 10:25-37

Key Passage: Mark 6:34

Main Point: Jesus told stories about God.

The Bible Story (Watch this week's [IDC Kids Preschool Video](#))

God's Word says to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and to also love your neighbor. A man asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus told a story about showing love. A man was traveling to Jericho when he was attacked by robbers. They hurt him badly and left. A priest came along, but he went on the other side of the road. A teacher came along and did the same thing! A Samaritan—someone the Jews did not like—came along too. The Samaritan stopped and helped the man. He took the hurt man to an inn and cared for him. He gave the owner of the inn money to look after the hurt man until he returned. Who showed love to someone in need? The Samaritan! Jesus said, "Do the same."

Gospel Gems

Jesus told a story about showing love.

The Samaritan showed love to the hurt man.

We love others because Jesus loves us.

Babies Activities

Look in the Bible

Provide hand-size Bibles for babies to handle. Open your Bible to Luke 10:25-37. Show the Bible story picture as you say the Gospel Gems in a soothing voice.

Say: Jesus told stories about God. Jesus told a story about showing love. We show love to others because Jesus loves us.

Sing a Song

Sing the first verse of "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus."

"Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;

Things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here;

Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,

Stories of Jesus, tell them to me."

Say: Jesus told stories about God. Jesus told a story about showing love. The Samaritan showed love to the hurt man.

Take care of babies

Provide vinyl baby dolls and blankets for babies to show love. Talk about how mommies and daddies show love to their babies by taking care of them.

Say: Jesus told stories about God. In Jesus' story, the Samaritan showed love to the hurt man. We show love to others because Jesus loves us.

Toddler Activities

Paint with oil

Provide colorful construction paper, a plastic jar of baby oil, and cotton swabs for toddlers. Dip the cotton swabs in oil for the toddlers and guide them to paint the construction paper. Talk about the story as they work.

Say: **Jesus told stories about God.** In Bible times, people used oil to help a sick person feel better. The Samaritan showed love to the hurt man by taking care of him.

Explore a Parable box

Place items from the Bible story in the parable box, such as people figures, a toy donkey, bandages, a sealed jar of oil, and coins. Invite toddlers to handle items as you review the story.

Say: **Jesus told stories about God.** Jesus told a story about showing love. We love others because Jesus loves us.

Play “I Spy”

Using an empty paper towel tube, show each child how to look through the “telescope” for friends who are showing love to others.

Say: Jesus told stories about God. Jesus shows love to you!