The Good Samaritan

IDC Kids Preschool

Bible Passage: Luke 10:25-37

Key Passage: Mark 6:34

Main Point: Jesus taught about God's forgiveness.

Big Picture Question: Why did Jesus tell stories? Jesus told stories to teach people about

God.

Christ Connection: Jesus told a story that surprised people. We are like the man on the side of the road, and God saw that we needed help. We needed to be rescued from sin. He sent Jesus to rescue us from sin. We can show people God's love by helping them.

Watch this week's IDC Kids Online Video

For added reinforcement, retell the story below. Use the bolded version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

Talk about the Bible story

Say • The priest and the Levite did not help the man in need, but the Samaritan man did. **Jesus tells us to love others as He has loved us.** We are like the hurt man in the story. We need to be saved from our sin. God saw that we needed help, and He sent Jesus. Because Jesus rescues us from sin, we can help other people when they need help.

Ask the following review questions:

Name a question the Jewish lawyer asked Jesus. (What do I have to do to have eternal life? Who is my neighbor?)

Who walked by the injured man in the story Jesus told? (a priest and a Levite)

Who helped the injured man? (a Samaritan man)

What question did Jesus ask the lawyer when He finished telling the story? (Who was a neighbor to the man who was attacked?)

What did Jesus tell the lawyer to do? (Go and do the same!)

Practice the key passage and a Bible skill

Cut a crown shape from construction paper and place it at Mark 6:34 in your Bible. Invite your child to open the Bible to the key passage.

• Jesus taught the people many things because He knew they had much to learn about God's kingdom. Jesus taught that all of us need help, like the man along the side of the road. Jesus helps us and saves us. Once we experience Jesus' great love, we can love all kinds of people like He loves us.

Learn the big picture question and answer

• Who remembers our big picture question? Why did Jesus tell stories? In our Bible story, Jesus told a story to answer the question, "Who is my neighbor?" His story shows that all people are our neighbors, and all people need His love. Why did Jesus tell stories? Jesus told stories to teach people about God.

Activities

Helpers on the move

Make "roads" on the floor with colorful tape. Encourage preschoolers to roll toy fire trucks, police cars, and other emergency vehicles along the roads. As the children play, ask whom they might be stopping to help.

• How do firemen, policemen, and doctors help people who get hurt? Does God want us to help people who are hurting too? Jesus tells us to love others as He has loved us.

Make hearts

Fold pieces of construction paper in half. Draw half a heart on one side. Guide a preschooler to cut along the line and open up his paper to reveal a heart. Repeat with multiple pieces of construction paper in various colors and sizes. Write the main point on the largest heart.

• Hearts make us think of love. **Jesus tells us to love others as He has loved us.** We are like the man on the side of the road in the story that Jesus told. God saw that we needed help. We needed to be rescued from sin. He sent Jesus to rescue us from sin. We can show people God's love by helping them.

Practice wrapping wounds

Demonstrate how to wrap an arm or a leg with gauze or white crepe paper. Invite preschoolers to take turns wrapping each other's arms or legs. Make sure preschoolers do not wrap the gauze too tightly.

• The Samaritan man in the story wrapped up the hurt man's wounds. We are like that man on the side of the road, and God saw that we need help. We need to be rescued from sin. He sent Jesus to rescue us from sin. We can show people God's love by helping them. Jesus tells us to love others as He has loved us.

Activity page

Download and print this week's activity page

Guide preschoolers to trace the three paths to discover which man helped the man who was hurt.

Say • Oh dear! The man in this picture looks hurt! Can you tell which of these three men stopped to help him? This picture comes from a story Jesus told in today's Bible story. Listen to discover why Jesus told this story.

Pray

Invite preschoolers to tell you any prayer requests they have.

Say • God, thank You for showing us through this parable that no group of people is better than another. We all need Your help. You sent Jesus to show us Your great love for us. Teach us to love others in that same way.