

THE CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY
CHILDREN'S MEETING LESSON (Pre-K & K)

Lesson #68

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SUBJECT: The Good Samaritan

SCRIPTURE: Luke 10:25-37

AIM: To show the children that it pleases God when we are kind (or merciful) to one another.

MEMORY VERSE: Luke: 10:27 "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbor as yourself."

Content:

Last week we heard about a son who spent all his inheritance away from his home in a faraway land. Not only did he spend all his money. He also did a lot of bad things. There was a severe shortage of food not long after. The son had nothing and became very hungry. He began to think there was food in his father's house. He finally decided to return to his father's house and will serve his father as a servant. But the father was so compassion and loving. He forgave him and even prepare all the best for him.

A long, long time ago a very smart man asked the Lord Jesus a very important question. "Teacher, what shall I do to receive eternal life?" The Lord Jesus asked this man what was written in the Bible. The man said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength and with all your mind; also you shall love your neighbor as yourself." The Lord told the man that he had answered correctly. How wonderful is God's Word. The Lord wants us to love Him and our neighbor. But who is our neighbor?

How do you think the Lord Jesus answered this question? Give the children time to tell you who their neighbors are. The Lord answered this wonderful question with a story.

In those days, there was a city called Samaria and the people who came from there were called Samaritans. You live in New York and you are called New Yorkers. Today we are going to hear about a man that was so kind and merciful that even after almost 2000 years we still remember him as "The Good Samaritan."

Well, there was a man, a Jewish man who was traveling between the two cities of Jerusalem and Jericho. As he was traveling, some very bad men stopped him and stole his clothing and beat him up. He was hurt very badly and was left on the road to die. While he was lying there, a Jewish priest passed by him. This man was a teacher of God's word and he should have stopped to help this poor man. I'm sure he knew that God's Word says that we must love one another. Instead of being kind to this wounded man, the priest crossed over to the other side of the road and kept on walking.

Another Jewish man passed by. This man was a Levite, a man who helped people to worship in the temple. Surely, this man would help the wounded man. Sadly, he too passed by and did not help the poor man.

The next man to pass by was a Samaritan. In those days, the Jews hated the Samaritans and it would not be surprising if this Samaritan did not help the Jewish man. What do you think this Samaritan did? This Samaritan felt sorry for the wounded man. He got down from his donkey and began to put bandages on the poor man's wounds. He then helped the hurt man onto his donkey and took him to a place where he could rest. He even paid the man's bill so he could stay in a nice comfortable place.

When Jesus finished this story, He asked the smart man who in this story was the wounded man's neighbor. Was it the Jewish priest, the Levite or the Samaritan? Who do you think was truly a good neighbor? Give the children time to answer this question. You see, the real neighbor was this Good Samaritan because he showed kindness to the hurt man.

What did you learn from this story? Right, the Lord is very happy when we are kind to one another. The Bible tells us to love all men and especially those who are in God's family. Also we must not only know and memorize our Bible verses but we must practice them. The priest and the Levite knew God's Word about being kind to one another, especially to a fellow Jew, but they were still not kind to the hurt man. Yet, the Samaritan who was not even a Jew was kind to the hurt Jewish man. He was the hurt man's true neighbor and "The Good Samaritan."