



Sunday, 24th May 2020

The best of neighbours



Hello everyone!

We do hope that all is well with you and your families. It was so lovely seeing some of you at the Big Brekkie last weekend. You made lots of people very jealous with your tasty food!! We will be having another get together soon to celebrate the church's naming day on Trinity Sunday, 7th June. More details to follow! 😊 😊

It's lovely to be thinking of the same story today even if we might be doing it at different times! And what a story it is today! Just BRILLIANT! And it's very appropriate for us all living in lockdown at the moment! There are so many acts of kindness being carried out by lots of people every day.

It's the story of the Good Samaritan

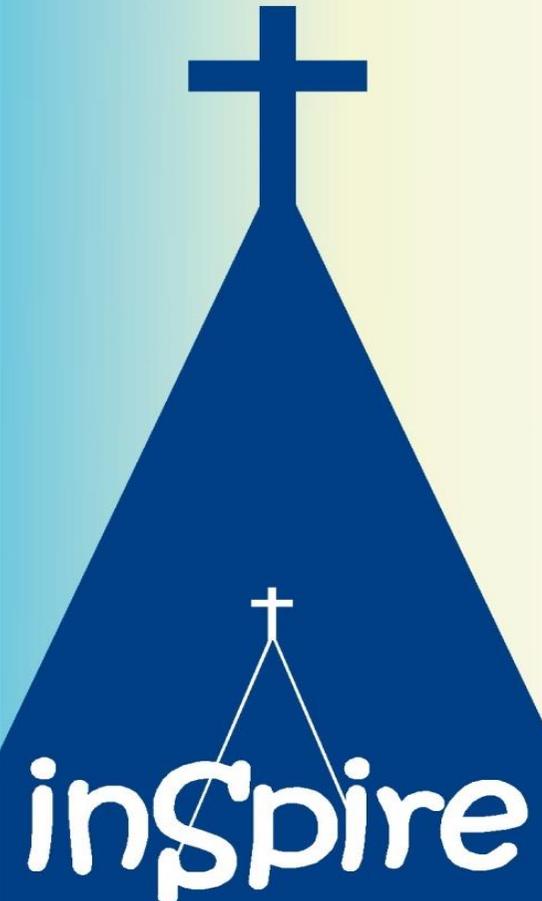
This Youtube video tells the story so well.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLzdQtetedc>

Or you might like to read it in your Bible.

Luke 10 v 25

You can always act it out as a family!



Older children might like to act it out as a modern day story. Think about the setting and make sure the person who helps out is someone most people would think wouldn't bother or care!

Or you could make lollipop stick puppets for each of the characters and use a shoe box to make a stage and scenery backdrop. Retell the story and act it out with your stick characters.

To think about:

Why did Jesus tell this story? What did he want us to learn from it?

Maybe you'd like to chat about

- Who you think was the best of neighbours; the kindest, most caring person?
 - Why you think the other two men walked past without helping?
 - What did the man from Samaria do to help the injured man? Why do you think he stopped to help?
 - What can we do to help other people? How can we help make other people happy?
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- **Teddy bear story** tell the story using some of your cuddly toys. Use a teddy for the injured man and wrap him with bandages.

Get creative! Have a browse through the following ideas and pick one or two you would like to do.



Make a set of helping hands and write people you would like to give a random act of kindness to on each finger.

Write a Bible verse on the palm of the other hand. God holds us all in the palm of his hands and he wants us to use our hands to help others too.

You could always use:

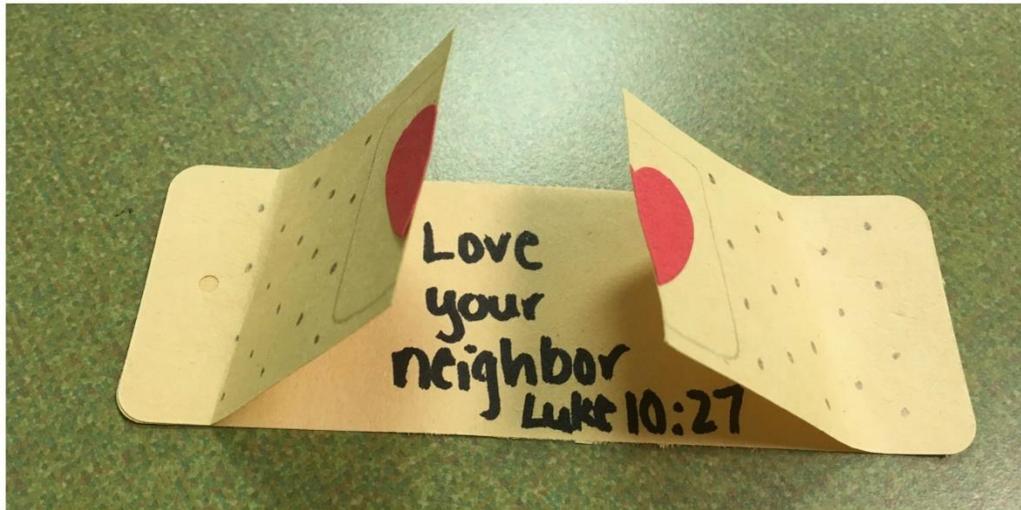
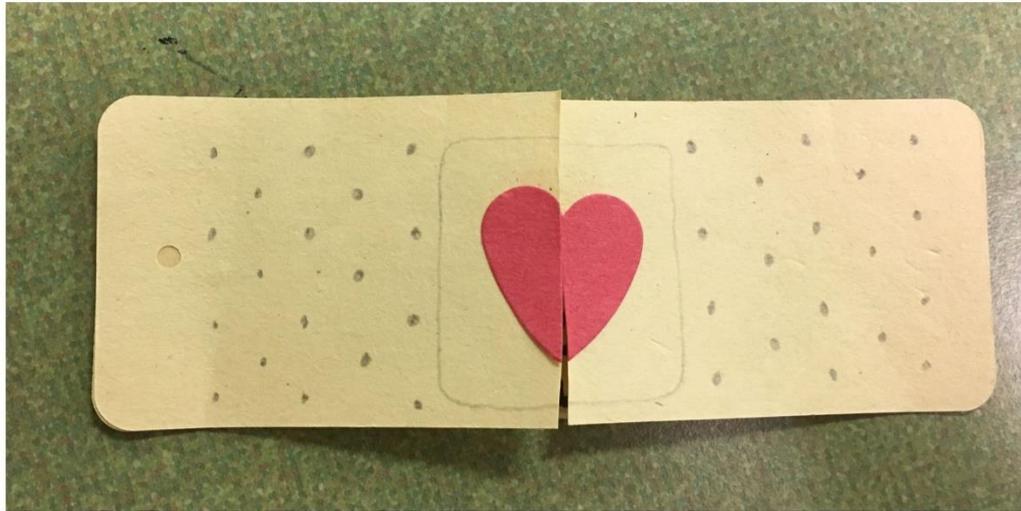
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind and with all your might. And love your neighbour as yourself. Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Can you remember this verse by heart? We have made up actions for it in Sunday's Cool

(Heart = hands on your heart

Mind= clenched fist against your forehead

Might = arms out to the side like muscle man!)



Make a sticking plaster poster to remind you to love and help other people .

Stick it on your bedroom wall and when you go to bed think about who you have been kind to and helped today. Remember to pray for them too.

Helping Hands

Give a friend a hug when they are upset	
	
	
	
	

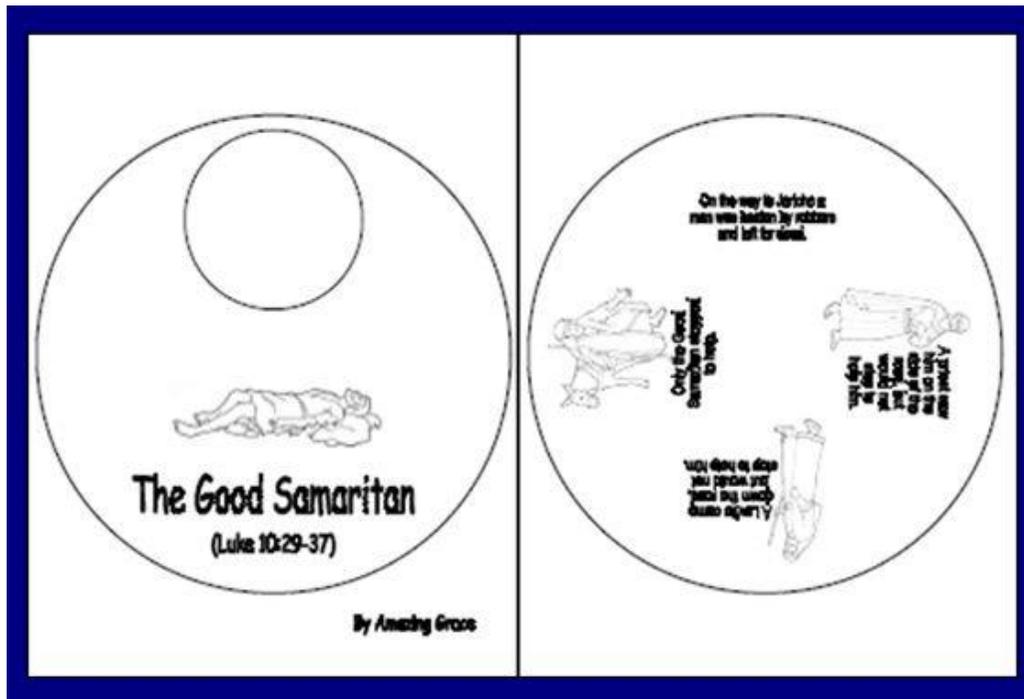
Make a chart like this one!

Everytime you help someone else like the good Samaritan did, you can colour in a helping hand on your chart!

Ask a parent to help you pick some other good deeds for your chart.



Make a peg leg donkey to remind you of the story.



Make two wheels like these and then clip them together with a split pin. Spin the top circle to retell the story.

After all that creativity, it's time to sing a song:

Choose from the following.....or sing all of them!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7a7LdgRh-k> When I needed a neighbour (great drums!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7oi0JPDyfm> Love is something if you give it away.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w1Tn29r16Pc> This little light of mine

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RGWC6_SjHKQ This little light of mineGreat puppet version!!

Chat time with God

Get yourself into a comfortable position so you can have some chat time with God. Maybe Mum or Dad could help lead you with this

- Think about your favourite friend. Thank God for him or her.
- Think about all the people who love and care for you. Thank God for them. Say their names.
- Think about the doctors and nurses helping people who are sick at the moment. Tell God about anyone you know who is not very well.
- Thank God for his amazing love for each one of us.
- Then tell God about one person you are going to be kind to today and tell God what you are going to do for them.

Be quiet for a minute and see if God puts a picture in your mind of something he wants to say to you.
Then thank God for this.

Say the Lord's prayer together as a family.

After chatting with God, how about another song !

Have a lovely rest of the day everyone..... "see you" next week!!

From all the leaders at Sunday's Cool

