

## March 3/7 – Hospitality - Luke 10.25-42

### Opening Prayer:

God of love,  
when we move to a new home  
we always hope for nice neighbors:  
neighbors who will be nice to us;  
neighbors who will look out for us;  
neighbors who will care about us.  
We are sorry  
when we have not been good neighbors  
to those around us in the places where we live  
as well as those people in need  
that we avoid on the street  
without a care.  
As we hear the well known story  
of the Good Samaritan again today,  
may we listen and reflect  
on how we can love others  
the way we love ourselves.  
May we think of ways  
in which we can show how to be a good neighbor  
like the Samaritan who helped the robbed and injured man.  
In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.

### Recap of Last Week:

Last week we told the story of Jesus and the disciple's and their experience of God's affirmation of Jesus.

### The Story: Play Video/Videos

*Check Video Folder*

### Game/Activity:

#### Holiday Places

When you go on trips how do you travel?

Where do you stay?

### Choices Again

*You will need: flip chart/large sheet of papers, marker pens.*

To start the activity off talk about good choices and bad choices. You will then need a chart for the wall or the floor which needs to be split into columns with the children's and leader's name down the left hand side. At the top of each column add phrases to which the children can relate, such as: say thank you every day, tidy bedroom, help with dishes,

not eating chocolate, not eating crisps, trying some vegetables, a new food, help in the garden, take up more exercise.

Each week through Lent ask the children to select a couple of items from the list and to try out. If they have managed to accomplish anything on the lists put a tick against each child's name when it is done and if not place a cross. Replace the sheet each week and at the end of Lent maybe the children will be surprised by what they have accomplished or find it interesting the good choices made and the bad. Martha and Mary both made different choices. The Good Samaritan made a good choice as did the innkeeper taking the person in.

### Craft:

### Family Faith Questions:

*Discuss these topics as you do your crafts together.*

Do you prefer to **learn** more about Jesus or **act** more like Jesus?

### Hands And Feet all age

*You will need: long pieces of lining paper (one per group), chunky crayons and marker pens.*

The children should draw round their hands or feet and color in the shapes with chunky crayons. Ask the children to write words around the hands giving ideas of how they can help others. Get the children to write words around the feet giving ideas of places in the community where help is given to others.

Talk about the story of the Good Samaritan with the children and how the least expected person was the one who helped and who showed themselves to be a good neighbor. Discuss with the children how we can be good neighbors. Ask the children to show their frieze to the other group(s).

Keep these for future weeks.

### Next Week:

Next week we will focus on Jesus and his story of the fig tree.

### Sending Prayer:

Ask the kids if there are any prayers they'd like to focus on. Pray together.