

Devotional – Good Samaritan

LSOIH



Life Skills

Core I: First Aid-Traumatic

Opening

- Today, we learned about what to do in a medical emergency just like the parable “The Good Samaritan.”
- *Read, or someone read the Teaching verse. FYI: The memory verse is further down*

Luke 10:25-37

Read the parable of “The Good Samaritan.”

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Big picture

We each will be known by our actions

- Q: In the parable, how badly did the robbers hurt the man going to Jericho? (near death/half dead)
- The man was dying, in obviously very bad condition. Anyone could see he needed help, immediately.
- Q: Who saved the injured man? (the good Samaritan)
- Q: Who didn't help the injured man? (a priest, and a Levite)
- Q: What are some things the good Samaritan did to save the man?
 - He recognized the situation--the man needed help. (He was alert and aware of his surroundings. He didn't have his nose in a video game or texting).
 - He took pity on the man. (His conscience would not let him neglect the man)
 - He chose to help the man (He could have chosen to ignore and not get involved, but he made the godly choice, he did the right thing, he had mercy)
 - He knew what to do!
- This parable is a fictional story that Jesus made up to make a point about who is your neighbor. But, like all parables it is filled amazing truth. Indeed, it's very likely, as you get older, one of you will come upon a real-life situation very similar to this parable where someone needs help.
- Today, you learned some first aid skills to be able to help others.
- But if you choose not to act (like the priest and the Levite) it doesn't matter how much you learn.
- We will be known by our good actions (like the Samaritan) or our bad actions (like the priest/Levite).
- Make sure your actions reflect what you believe to be true.
- Q: Did the priest and Levite's actions reflect their beliefs? Yes & No. Anyone listening to the parable would have presumed they were going to help, but their actions showed their wicked hearts.
- If you say you love Jesus, you will care for others because this is what He instructed His followers to do.

Memory Verse #1

Ask if anybody knows it yet and can say it? Read it together 2X Consider having a memory verse pamphlet for kids take home.

Psalm 27:1

"The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?"

Topical Questions

1. Did the priest and the Levite recognize the man needed help? (Yes)
2. Did the priest and the Levite choose to help the man? (No)
3. Why didn't the priest or the Levite choose to help? (They had no mercy in them)
4. Now that you know some first aid skills, will you choose to help others in an emergency? Why?

Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus, we thank you for this amazing parable that teaches us that we are to be merciful to all people, even those we do not like. Jesus, we know this is a parable that You made up to silence the prideful pharisee, but we know that it speaks the truth to us today. Help these boys to not act like the priest or the Levite, but to be merciful and to use their skills to help their neighbors. They are to be salt & light to the world. Help us to align our actions with what we believe. In Your name, Jesus, we pray. Amen!

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