

**LUKE 10:25-37 – Vs 25-37 – the Good Samaritan
who and how we serve can surprise us – 5/5/13**

Ideas for SS classes, small groups, etc.

Note that the skit “C” from Mediocre Ministries -

<http://www.mygrandmatime.com/docs/MediocreMinistries.pdf> - may also fit for the Sunday AM service.

Pray together, **R**elate to each other, **E**at together, **S**tudy together, **S**erve together

PRESS on toward the goal of growing in Jesus!

General outside activity – Take a walk and write (or draw) the things you see. When you get back, each report what you have seen. Did anyone see any needs?...or did we see creation, people, etc.? We need to be more aware and see through God’s eyes. If you have enough time, take another walk and specifically look for needs. (It might be that a lawn needs mowing – rather than just seeing grass – etc.)

Luke Team Memory Verse – 1 John 3:16-18 - What better way to demonstrate teamwork and the results it can bring than to do our memory verse for the Luke series as a team? The concept is that each week a leader cuts apart each line of the memory verse and hands each section to a member of their group/class. Each person is to memorize their section of the verse and know where it goes. If you rotate parts, by family or person, then you might all learn the whole verse before the sessions are over.

Eat together – Rotate through families/people to bring some form of food to share. If you need adult time, ask the kids to prepare and serve the food. If you need kids’ time, ask some of the adults to prepare and serve the food. Food could also be prepared and served by the family/people that brought the food.

Pray together – PRAISE – thank God for who He is; REPENT – Ask God to forgive and help us; ASK – Ask God for things that others need; Ask God for things that you need; YIELD – Tell God that you trust HIM with whatever He provides and with whatever He has planned. Thank Him that you can trust His love.

Study together

Vs 25 –

Family activities – Make a list of questions that you have always wanted to ask. Besides Jesus, who would be the best person to ask each of the questions?

Adult questions - What is the hardest question that you have been asked?

Have any of the questions you been asked been a “test”?

Vs 26-29 –

Family activities - Make a cross with twigs you find outside. Use yarn to tie the twigs together. The tall part of the cross reminds us of our relationship with God. It is the biggest and most important part of our lives. The side to side part reminds us of our relationship with others. It is not the most important part, but God says that it IS important. It is so important that He supports us in it, just as the tall part holds up the side to side part of the cross. We don’t love others by ourselves. We rest in and trust in God and that grows in us a love for people that is like His.

If you know a song based on this passage, sing it!

Who is your neighbor? Draw a picture map of your neighborhood. Draw stick figures of the people that you know live in the houses. Add names that you know.

Adult questions – From verse 27, How does Jesus describe God’s children? Is there a place in your life where you know God’s will but still say “but”? (vs. 29)

Vs 30-35 –

Family activities - Act out the story.

How is the Samaritan like a homeless person? How is the Samaritan not like a homeless person?

Who do you want to be like in the story? Who ARE you like? Do you avoid getting involved with others? How do you choose whether to help someone and how to help someone?

Adult activities - Describe each of the characters in this story: the walker; the robbers; the priest; the Levite; the Samaritan; the innkeeper. Which one do you identify with most? Which of the characters have you met lately?

Vs 35-37 – Family activities - (Draw pictures and discuss with younger kids. Talk with older kids. Can pantomime answers for games and discovery.) Who do you meet during your “day”? Jesus says that person is your neighbor – not just the ones that live near you. How do you show mercy (help/serve) those who you see and meet every day? (A smile is a good place to start....)

Adult activities - How does Jesus’ definition of a neighbor change your life? What needs do you see in the lives around you? What do you need to be a better neighbor to the people around you? How can we as a group help each other to be better neighbors?