

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Luke 10:25-37

Lesson Objective: The student will learn who his/her neighbor is and verbalize ways they can show love toward their neighbor

Materials: Band-Aids, costumes to act out story

Memory Verse: You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself. Luke 10:27

One day a lawyer asked Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. He also asked, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus tells a story about a Samaritan that showed love and compassion to his neighbor. A Jewish man was on his way from Jerusalem to Jericho when he was robbed and beaten and left to die along the road. Three people passed him by but only one was willing to help him. A priest saw the man but passed him by on the other side of the road. A Levite also came by and even stopped and looked at the man but stepped over him and kept walking. Finally, a man from Samaria came and saw the man. He saw how he was badly injured and needed help. The Samaritan took the man to an inn and washed his wounds and took special care of him. He even paid the host at the inn to take care of him until he was feeling better. This was an extraordinary deed by the Samaritan because Jews and Samaritans did not like each other. The Jews were mean to the Samaritans. This Samaritan showed the true meaning of loving your neighbor! At the end of the parable Jesus then asked, "Which of these was a neighbor to the man that fell among the thieves?" The lawyer answered saying "he that showed mercy upon him." Jesus then instructed him to go and do the same thing! Jesus wants us to love our neighbor. Remember that your neighbor is anyone you meet. We must show love and compassion to all we meet. Every person we meet needs to feel the love of Christ! It's up to his people to let the love of Christ shine through in all we do, not only to those we love but to those who may mistreat us also. It's the love of Christ that will save the Lost!

Bible Point:
**Love Your Neighbor
As Yourself**



Ideas to Illuminate:

1. Band-Aid Relay: Divide your class into teams. Have one child be the injured man and let the others be the Samaritan man. Each team member must race to place Band-Aids on the man before the allotted time ends. The first team to place the most band aids on the man wins.
2. Role Play: Have your children act out the story.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. Which of these three men was a neighbor to the injured man?
2. Who is your neighbor?
3. Why is it important that you love your neighbor?

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Mt 7:13-14, Luke 13:24

Lesson Objective: The student will learn that there are two paths in life that we can choose from but only one leads to Heaven.

Materials: paper or any material needed to make a road, snacks or prizes

Memory Verse: Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. Luke 13:24

While Jesus was journeying through cities and villages toward Jerusalem, one of his followers asked him a question. He asked, "Lord are there few that be saved." Jesus answered him by using a parable of two paths to describe the way into the Kingdom. On one, the gate is straight and the path is narrow while the other, the gate is wide and broad is the path. The straight gate and narrow path leads to Heaven. Jesus said few there be that find this path. The word straight means difficult. The gate that leads to destruction is wide. This gate is easily seen and probably very attractive. It draws people in! This gate is an easy gate to go through and an easy path to take. This path does not require any type of obedience to God and His Word. However, this is the gate that will lead to Hell. Sadly, this is the gate that most people will choose. Picture a road with a lot of people walking down it doing bad things. These people are living a life filled with sin yet believe they are on the right path. This is the road to Hell!!! Now picture a road that only has a few people on it but these people love God with all their hearts and are obedient to all his commandments. These people are on the path that will lead to eternal life! This is the path to Heaven! We must be sure that we have chosen the right path. If the path you are on provides a life that is contrary to the word of God, then you must turn around and go the other way!! There is only one way to heaven! It's not an easy path to choose but it is the path that we can't afford to pass by! We must choose the straight and narrow way—God's way!!

Bible Point:
**There Is Only
One Way to
Heaven**



Ideas to Illuminate

Using several sheets of paper, make two paths. One should be wider than the other. Let the children choose a path. One should lead to a dead end or closet (Hell) while the other leads to a snack or prize (Heaven). If possible do not let the children see the end result of the paths.

Questions for Class Discussion

1. How does Jesus describe the path that leads to Heaven? Destruction?
2. How can we be sure we are on the right path?

Faith-N-Focus Theme: Parables of Jesus for Young Disciples

Lesson: Jesus Is the Only Way to God

Lesson Text: John 10:1-16

Date: August 18, 2013

Teacher Preparation

Readings: John 10:1-16; John 14:16

Lesson Objective: The student will learn that Jesus is the only way that we can be saved and have eternal life.

Materials: costumes for role play.

Memory Verse: Jesus saith unto him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me." John 14:6

What is a door used for? We use doors to help us get inside a room, to keep strangers out, to keep the cold/hot air out, and to protect us from things outside. Doors are the proper way to enter into a room or building. Jesus spoke using a parable to teach those without understanding of his word. He stated "I am the door: by me if any man entereth in, he shall be saved and shall go in and out, and find pasture." He also stated "He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth some other way, the same is a thief and robber." The sheep know the shepherd's voice and follow him. There are many people that say they are a Christian but have not truly accepted Jesus into their hearts. They may even tell you that there are many different ways to be a Christian. People try to use all sorts of things to get to God like good works, giving lots of money, and giving their time to church activities. However, God says there is only one way to get to God, and that is through His Son Jesus Christ!! In him alone are we able to have communion with God and make it to heaven one day!! Jesus is like a door, we must come through him if we want to know more about God. It is through Jesus that we find forgiveness, peace, happiness, love, healing, and heaven. If people tell us that we can get to heaven by any other way then we know that they are like the thieves in Jesus' story in John chapter 10. We can't buy our way into heaven or even be a really good person and make it to heaven. We must ask Jesus into our hearts and live for him! He must become our Shepherd! We have to be willing to follow him and listen to his voice at all times.

Bible Point:
**Jesus Is The
Only Way**



Ideas to Illuminate

1. Play a game of follow the leader.
2. Allow one child to be the shepherd and one to be the thief /wolf. Let the others be the sheep. Let them act out the story of the Good Shepherd.

Questions for Class Discussion

1. Who is the Good Shepherd?
2. Is it true that we can work our way to heaven by good deeds and giving money?
3. What must we do to make it to heaven?
4. Why does Jesus say "I am the door of the sheep?"



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Date: August 25, 2013

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Luke 11:5-10

Lesson Objective: The student will learn to be persistent in prayer

Materials: anything to act out the story

Memory Verse: And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Luke 11:9

In Luke chapter 11, we read about a man who came to a friend in need of bread. He needed some bread because he had a friend coming to his house and he did not have anything to feed him. . However he waited until it was really late to go to his house and ask for this bread. When he got to his friend's house, he knocked and asked for the bread but the friend told him he could not give him any bread. It was late and all his family was asleep and he didn't want to disturb them. However, the man kept knocking and asking for the bread!! He was persistent. The bible says that the friend finally gave the man the bread, not because he wanted to be a good friend but because he was persistent. He would not leave the man alone! The bible tells us that we are to be persistent in our prayers unto God. We are to ask, seek, and knock until we get the answer!! Sometimes when we pray we expect for God to answer our prayer right then. However, sometimes we have to be patient and continue to ask. We have to be willing to pray as long as it takes to get the answer we need from God. It is our persistence in our prayer that will get the attention of God! It's important not to give up or get discouraged. We need to ask boldly knowing that Jesus hears our prayers and trust he knows what's best for us.

**Bible Point:
Never Give
Up**



Ideas to Illuminate:

- 1 Have the children act out the story.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. What did the man need from his friend?
2. Why did the friend tell him "No" at first?
3. What caused him to change his mind?
4. What Does Jesus tell us to do?