The **BIBLE STORY**

Bible Storytelling Tips

 Act it out: Ask a few adult leaders to act out the parable in the background as you tell the story. Use costumes and props such as bandages and a stick horse to make the story come alive.

Set up stations:

Set up stations around the room, each with a different prop or visual aid related to the parts of the story. Consider a Bible for Jesus asking about the Scriptures, a ski mask for robbers, a bandage for the Samaritan, and so forth.

The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

A Jewish lawyer asked Jesus a question: "Teacher, what must I do to have eternal life?"

Jesus answered, "What do the Scriptures say? What do you think is the answer?"

The lawyer replied, "The Scriptures say, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind.' And 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Jesus said, "That's right. Do this, and you will have eternal life."

Then the man asked, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus told a story to help the man understand.

"A man was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attacked him. The robbers took everything he had, beat him up, and left him for dead on the side of the road.

"A priest was traveling down the road when he saw the man lying there. But instead of helping the man, the priest passed by on the other side of the road.

"Then a Levite, or religious leader, came down the road. He saw the man lying there, but instead of helping the man, the Levite passed by on the other side of the road, too.

"Then a man from Samaria came down the road. Samaritans and Jews did not get along, but when he saw the man lying there, he helped him. The Samaritan bandaged the man's wounds. He put the man on his donkey and took him to an inn where he could rest. The Samaritan took care of the man. Then he paid the innkeeper to care for the man."

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Jesus asked, "Which of these people was a real neighbor to the man who was attacked by robbers?" The lawyer replied, "The one who helped the man." Jesus said, "Go and do the same!"

Christ Connection: Jesus' story about the good Samaritan surprised the people who heard it. Like the good Samaritan, God saw that we needed to be rescued. He sent His Son to save us from sin. Jesus died on the cross for our sin and rose again so we can have eternal life. God calls us to show His love for the world by helping people in need.



WANT TO DISCOVER GOD'S WORD? GET BIBLE EXPRESS!

Invite kids to check out this week's devotionals to discover lesus wants us to love others as He has loved us. The greatest way we can love our neighbors is by sharing the good news about Jesus. (Matt. 28:19-20) Order in bulk, subscribe guarterly, or purchase individually. For more information. check out www.lifeway.com/ devotionals

Jesus the Storyteller

Who Is a Neighbor?

INSTRUCTIONS: Trace the paths to discover which man helped the man who was hurt.





KEY PASSAGE: Mark 6:34

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

• Why did Jesus tell stories? Jesus told stories to teach people about God.

BIBLE STORY: THE GOOD SAMARITAN

- A man asked what he had to do to have eternal life.
- Jesus told the man a story about a man attacked by robbers.
- A priest and religious leader did not help the man.
- A Samaritan man helped the man who was hurt.
- Jesus tells us to love others as He has loved us.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How are we like the man who was hurt?
- How is the Samaritan man like Jesus?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

• Bake cookies and deliver them to your local hospital's emergency room. Thank the people there for helping injured people. Pray for the emergency workers and their patients while you are there.

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Love Your Neighbor

How can you show love to these neighbors? Check a response or write your own.



Join her for a board game.

Invite her to your house for dinner.

Parable Word Search

Find and circle the key words found in the Bible story about the parable of the good Samaritan.



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Say hello.

Ask to play too.





The Gospel: God's Plan for Me

Ask kids if they have ever heard the word *gospel*. Clarify that the word *gospel* means "good news." It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use the following guide to share the gospel with kids.

God rules. Explain to kids that the Bible tells us God created everything, and He is in charge of everything. Invite a volunteer to read Genesis 1:1 from the Bible. Read Revelation 4:11 or Colossians 1:16-17 aloud and explain what these verses mean.

We sinned. Tell kids that since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. (Romans 3:23) The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 6:23)

God provided. Choose a child to read John 3:16 aloud. Say that God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. Read and explain Ephesians 2:8-9.

Jesus gives. Share with kids that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Read Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; or 1 Peter 3:18.

We respond. Tell kids that they can respond to Jesus. Read Romans 10:9-10,13. Review these aspects of our response: Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.

Offer to talk with any child who is interested in responding to Jesus. Tip: Provide *I'm a Christian Now* for new Christians to take home and complete with their families.

Jesus the Storyteller