

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

St. Mary's Anglican Church, Regina

Pray-per-View

STORY: Luke 10: 25 – 37

Memory : “He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” **Luke 10: 27**

Objective: Children will reinforce their understanding of the parable of the Good Samaritan by viewing the Veggie Tales: “Are You My Neighbour?” and critiquing how true to the Bible this version is.

Leader/Shepherd Preparation: Read the story, attend the planning meeting, read the lesson & prepare cue cards to work from.

Materials: Bibles, Journals,

“Are You My Neighbour?” Veggie Tales video: the story of Flibber-o-Loo
Popcorn, butter, napkins, water to drink, paper bags for popcorn
TV & VCR

Presentation: In the Oasis, welcome the children & introduce yourself. If this is the last workshop of the rotation, the Shepherd should hear each child (who wishes) recite the memory verse and receive a prize if correct.

Find Luke in your Bibles. If this is the last week, have them tell you the story in order before you read it together. Did they get the right sequence? Make sure they can explain the rift between the Jews and the Samaritans. What were the differences? The history? Do they sometimes “pass by on the other side”? Who is their neighbour? (*Not just the person next door!*)

Move to Pray-per-View and serve popcorn & drinks (have the kids help serve one another.)

Introduce the video, “The Story of Flibber-o-loo” from Veggie Tales. As they watch they should make note of the way in which the movie tells the story and remember how this is the same as or different from the story Jesus told. Using their journals to note the differences (you can & should pause the movie from time to time) will help them enter into discussion later. Watch the movie (approx. 12 minutes).

Discussion: Take a few minutes after watching and have them write down the differences they noticed if they haven't already done so. (They can use their journals.) Hopefully this quiet reflection will help your digging...

Then go through the following questions:

What two things does the movie use to suggest the differences between the people? (pot, shoe)

These are rather silly differences, aren't they? What do they represent? (the outer differences between us) Can you give some examples? (clothes, hairstyle, skin colour, accent....) Why are these not true differences? (only surface, nothing to do with our heart & soul)

Complete this sentence: The two towns are _____. Only one person isn't. Why is he a hero? What has he done at this point in the movie? (Nothing, except he is not angry!)

How do the crooks attack the hero? (shoe, sock, milk money, hole upside down)
Do you imagine the attack to have been like this from what Jesus says?

Which person comes along first? Which biblical character is that? Do you think a mayor is a good choice for the creators of V. Tales?
What does he say and do? (He's busy.) Is this what you would expect from your Mayor?

The second visitor is a _____. She represents the _____. What does **she** say? Can she help? Does she? Why/why not?

The last visitor----who is that? How is he recognized? (pot) How is he recognized in the Bible? What does he say Flibbeans think? (We are garbage.)
What changes his mind? ("If I was needy, I'd want help." And "God made him special too.")

When the Mayor and the doctor see the Flibbean has been helped by "the enemy", what do they feel? (Amazed. "Why did you do it?") Is this in Jesus' parable?
What does the "Samaritan" answer? ("What we have to do is lend a helping hand/do a good deed.)
What do you think about that? Is that enough? Is this just making the parable into a nice, moral story about doing good?
What did Jesus say? ("Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you." And in this parable, the neighbour is the one who "had mercy on him.") These statements of Jesus go farther than Querty's quote from Lev. 19:18 "love your neighbour as yourself".

And how do the towns change? (flowers & candy are thrown) Is that part of the parable?

Reflection:

The V. Tales writers added an extra verse to their tale (the change in the towns). What is your verse 38? What kind of "go and do likewise" did the expert do after hearing the parable? Write it in your journal.

Now think about what **you** should "go and do" for your neighbour. How will you do it? Write it down.

Closing Prayer: Pray together for the strength to reach out in love to everyone, regardless of their outer differences, cultural background etc. (Allow time for anyone to share their own prayer about being a neighbour.)

Have everyone help clean up – there will likely be popcorn on the floor!