



LESSON 7

REFERENCES: LUKE 10:25-37; *THE DESIRE OF AGES*, PP. 497-505.

Who Is Your Neighbor?

Who is your neighbor? Is it the person who lives next door to you? Jesus said that to be a good neighbor means more than that!

One day Jesus was talking to a crowd of people. A teacher of the law in the crowd asked Him a question.

“What do I have to do to live forever?”

“What does it say in the law?”

Jesus asked kindly.

“The law says to love the Lord with all your heart,” the teacher answered, “and love your neighbor as you love yourself. But who is my neighbor?”

Then Jesus told this story.

“A man was traveling from Jerusalem to the city of Jericho. You all know that dangerous road. Robbers like to hide there.”

The people nodded. They all knew which road Jesus was talking about.



Memory Verse

“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

LUKE 10:27, NIV.

The Message

God wants us to show love to everyone.

“Well,” Jesus said, “a group of robbers attacked the traveler. They tore off his clothes. They beat him. They stole his money. Then they left him lying there, almost dead.

“Along came a priest” Jesus said. “He saw the poor man, beaten and bleeding. But he turned his head and walked by on the other side of the road.

“A little later a Levite came by. He may have heard the poor traveler moaning in pain. The man was so dirty and bloody! The Levite wrinkled up his nose and hurried away.

“Not long after that, a Samaritan man riding a donkey came down the road. The Samaritan rushed over to see if he could help.

“The Samaritan knelt down beside the wounded man. He carefully washed his cuts and put bandages on them. Then he helped the poor traveler up onto his own donkey and slowly led the donkey to town.

“The Samaritan took the injured man to an inn. ‘Please take care of this man,’ he said to the innkeeper. ‘Here is some money. If you spend more, I will give you more when I come back.’”

Then Jesus looked at the teacher. “Which of those three men was a neighbor to the traveler?” He asked.

The man knew the answer. “The one who took care of him,” he answered.

“That’s exactly right!” Jesus said with a big smile. “Go, and do the same thing.”

It doesn’t matter what people look like or talk like or smell like. Jesus asks us to help our neighbor—anyone who needs help. Let’s be like the good Samaritan.



Do and Say

SABBATH

Each day this week, read the lesson story together, and review the memory verse by using the following motions.

- Love** Cross arms over your chest.
- your neighbor** . . Point to others.
- as yourself.** Point to self.
- Luke 10:27.** Palms together, then open.

SUNDAY

Together, read Luke 10:25-37. Say: “We call this ‘The Good Samaritan’ story. Why was the Samaritan man good? Do you think it mattered to him where the wounded man was from?”

Help your child name and count people they know who are from different countries.

MONDAY

Have your child share their “Love Your Neighbor” House made in Sabbath School. (Or help them draw a picture of a house and write the memory verse on it.) Let them share it with a “neighbor” and tell that person the Bible story.

Thank Jesus for His love that you can share with others.

TUESDAY

Look in magazines or books for pictures of people from different countries. Notice their different clothing, hair and skin color, etc.

Then talk about how they are similar to you.

Ask Jesus to help you show love to everyone, no matter where they live.

WEDNESDAY

Ask your child to name some people who do helping jobs for others (doctor, nurse, fire-fighter, police officer, missionary pilot, pastor, etc.). Have your child role-play their favorite one. If possible, visit a fire station and thank the firefighters for the work they do.



THURSDAY

Have your child put an adhesive bandage on you while you tell them about a time God used someone to help you.

Sing a song about loving or helping others.

FRIDAY

Act out the story, using bandages or strips of cloth, a blanket, a pillow, etc.

Plan to do something to help somebody. For example, drop off some food at a food bank, or visit a nursing home.

