

## READ IT

This rotation's Bible story is

### **The Good Samaritan**

from Luke 10:25-37.

#### **Love your neighbor!**

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Commandment
- Story
- Jesus
- Neighbor
- Samaritan
- Levite

When Jesus talks about our "neighbors," he isn't just talking about the people who live near us. He's talking about *everyone*. Your neighbor is anyone you could ever see or meet.

#### **Read the whole story together in the Bible!**

*Spark Story Bible* pages 360-365

*Spark Bible* pages 1145-1146

#### **Family Prayer**

**Thank you, God, for the stories Jesus told. Thank you for all of the neighbors you give us in our lives. Help us to serve you by serving them. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.**

## TALK ABOUT IT



### **Family Conversations**

- 1 Who are your neighbors?
- 2 How does your family help each other?
- 3 What are some ways your family helps other people?
- 4 Brainstorm together some ways you can help people outside of your family. Think of some very simple and doable things and then try to do one thing each day or week.



#### **Eye Spark**

Next time you see someone who needs help, remember this story Jesus told about loving the person right in front of you.



#### **Ear Spark**

When you hear a story, remember that Jesus loved to tell stories like this one about the Good Samaritan.

## LIVE IT

### **For families to do together**

Make a Kindness Jar. Write simple kindnesses everyone in your family could do to help someone right in front of them. Put all of the ideas in the jar and then take turns drawing one slip a week. Look for opportunities to practice the kindness that you drew.

### **For younger kids**

Ask your parents to help you find a neighbor from your neighborhood who needs help.

### **For older kids**

There are people all over the world who are in desperate need of help. Ask your pastor or do some independent research to discover a new charity or organization you may not have heard of before.

## TRY IT

### Art

God invites us to “extend a hand” to everyone! Make it a priority to volunteer for a cleanup crew, food shelf drive, local reading program, or other helpful organizations. Then journal or draw about this experience. The time that your family offers to others is a wonderful way to be Good Samaritans.

### Computer Lab

Look up the websites of some local charities and choose one. Decide as a family to volunteer together or donate money to the organization. Write them a family letter to go with your donation telling about the Good Samaritan story and your desire for your family to love your neighbors!

### Creative Drama

Place some sand in the bottom of a shallow box. Draw a road in the sand. Have family members use clothespins and markers to create the characters in the story. Add chenille stems for arms. Don't forget the donkey! Have fun recreating the story.

### Video

Take a “Samaritan walk” through the streets of your community one day with your family. As you walk, look for unmet needs. Then gather as a family and talk about what you see, what you think it means, and what you can do to make a difference.

### Bible Skills and Games

Who is your neighbor? Find a local map and write some game show questions about your neighborhood and the surrounding areas. See who knows about local parks, businesses, and other features. After playing a few rounds, think about ways you can help your neighbors. Then put a plan into action!

### Cooking

Take care of some neighbors you don't know. Take a family grocery shopping trip. Ask each family member to pick out two non-perishable food items. Pack these items separately from your family's groceries. On your trip home, drop off this bag at a local food pantry.

### Music

God calls us to help our neighbors, and our neighbors are anyone and everyone in need! Music offers a sense of comfort for many in their time of need. Think of ways your family can share music as a comfort to someone who is lonely or struggling.

### Science

Animals are part of our neighborhoods, too! An easy way to help animals in your area is to fill a planter or garden area with native plants. Put a damp sponge on a shallow dish nearby for butterflies and other insects. Hand weed the garden instead of using chemicals.