LESSON 22

CARE FOR AN INJURED STRANGER



Aim: **To show the children that when we believe and obey God's Word it changes the way we live and act towards everyone else.**

Scripture Reading: **Luke 10:25-37**

Memory Verse: **Review John 1:1-9**

Presenting the Lesson

Starting point

Sometimes people ask difficult questions, questions that we don't know how to answer. Sometimes we know the answer, but we do not want to say it. For example, a mother may ask her children where they have been if they come home late from school. Sometimes they don't want to tell her.

Main Points of the Lesson

1. People asked Jesus lots of questions. Sometimes they asked a question only to make things difficult for him. The religious leaders were always looking for ways to trick him. It never worked, though. Jesus showed everyone that many of those people were not good leaders, and so they were angry with him.
2. One man who knew the religious laws very well asked Jesus how he could receive everlasting life. Of course, a learned man like him already knew the answer that was provided in Scripture: Love the Lord and love your neighbour. The difficult question with which he wanted to catch Jesus out was: Who is my neighbour? (Lk 10:25-29).
3. Jesus told him a story that showed him not only who his neighbour was, but how he should love him. This may be a true story. **Tell the story in 10:30-35 in your own words.** The priest and the Levite were religious officers, who were not allowed to touch a dead body. If the wounded man really was dead, touching him would make them unclean and therefore unable to do their religious duties for some time. What Jesus was saying was that a helpful act is more important than formal religious duties.
4. **Explain that the Samaritan who stopped to help the injured man, belonged to a race despised and hated by the Jews. Show Picture 22.** Take note that the Samaritan was generous with his help. He did not just give some first aid. He carefully washed and treated the wounds. Then he took the man to a place where he could be cared for and paid for his stay. He even promised to return and see how the man was, and if more money was owed. The Samaritan gave as much time, money and care as could be expected of a friend or relative, and that to a person who normally was his enemy!

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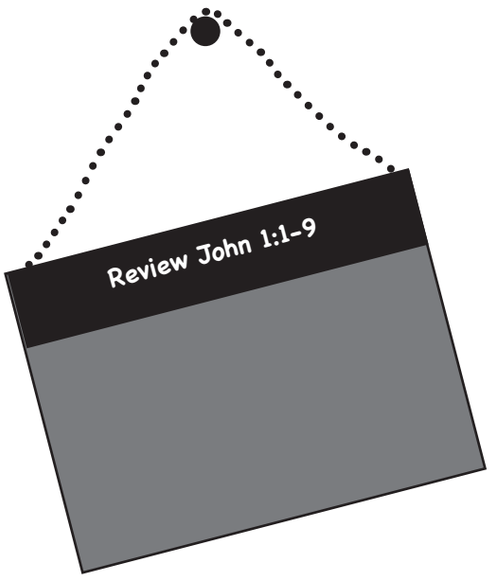


5. Jesus then asked the expert in the law, "Who behaved like this man's neighbour?" The man knew the answer and understood the message, but even then he could not bring himself to say the word "Samaritan" (10:36-37)! Jesus expects us to show love and care to anyone in need. That is what he did (Rom 5:8).

Our Response to the Story

This is a very good story to act. It can be acted as Jesus told it or transposed to a modern-day setting. The priest and the Levite must be replaced with people who would normally be expected to give help. The Samaritan would be someone against whom there is tribal hatred or racial prejudice.

Instil the Memory Verse



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