Lesson 23 Loving Others

Picture 29



Aim

To teach that following Jesus means loving and serving others and even loving our enemies.

Teacher Preparation: As you prepare this lesson ask God to help you teach the story of the Good Samaritan so that your students will understand and practise God's command, "Love your neighbour as you love yourself." Then read the study Luke 10:25-37 and the lesson plan.

Memory Verse: Luke 10:27

Love your neighbour as you love yourself.

Lesson Plan

Introduction

Think of an example when a family was helped by a neighbour not a relative and tell it to the class. For example, the neighbour took a sick person of another family to hospital or did some other kind act.

Main Points of Lesson

NOTE: There are 2 pictures on the same page. If possible cover up the one on the left of the page with a paper held in place with a paper clip, for first part of the story.

1. Jesus told a story once about a man who went on a journey. Tell the story of the Good Samaritan in your own words, Luke 10:30-35. Point out that the Samaritan and the Jew in Jesus' story were enemies of each other.

2. *Show picture 29, 2nd picture.* It is important to teach that Jesus was saying that a Christian has to do more than anyone else. He has to love and help his enemy not just his friend.

Review

Briefly go over the lesson to show that God expects us to love others as He loves us. We can only do this, of course, through the power of the Holy Spirit and not through our own determination or strength.

Our Response to the Lesson

Show picture 29, 1st picture. Who does that mean helping today? Get suggestions from the children. It means people who have done wrong to us. It means people from another tribe. In the picture the men have dropped their weapons. We can only love those who hate us through the power the Holy Spirit gives us to do this.

Teach Memory Verse

This is a very good story to act. You can act it as a modern story with a person helping some one from a tribe who is thought of as an enemy.