



Good Neighbors are Compassionate

God Loves When We Show Compassion (Luke 10:25-37)

Jesus was asked, “Who is my neighbor?” so Jesus told a story, a parable. Jesus said, “One day, a Jewish man walked from the city of Jerusalem to Jericho. The road was a little dangerous! But it was the only way for him to get to Jericho, so he went on his way. While the man walked along, people hurt him and left him on the road. He was hurt so badly that he couldn’t stand up. He lay there hoping someone would come along to help him. A Jewish leader came along but didn’t help him. Then another Jewish leader came along but didn’t help him. Then a Samaritan man came along. The man wasn’t sure he wanted the Samaritan to help him. Samaritans were enemies of Jews, right? Would the Samaritan help him? The Samaritan saw the man hurt and lying on the road. The Samaritan was moved to show him compassion! The Samaritan helped the man get up and get somewhere safe.” After finishing his story, Jesus asked, “Who was the neighbor to the man who was hurt?” The people who heard the story knew that Jesus believed the Samaritan was the one who acted like a neighbor. But the people would have been surprised by this. Samaritans were the enemies of the Jewish people! The people wondered, “Did Jesus think we were supposed to show neighborly care to our enemies?”

Compassion is:

- when you care about others and are kind to them

Wonder together:

- Who in your life shows compassion to you?
- How can you show compassion to your family?
- Who is it hard to show compassion to for you? Why?

As a family, brainstorm different community organizations that show compassion to underserved people in your community. Support one of those organizations by donating needed items or by volunteering together to serve.