

July Theme: God Will Guide Us!

Monthly Memory Verse:

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"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding."

- Proverbs 3:5 (ESV)

Monthly Challenge Verse:

"For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. (ESV)"

- Galatians 5:1 (NIV)

Week of July 10

Main Idea: God gives us helpers.

Life Application: Know that God wants us to help others. **Parents:** After listening to the sermon, take some time during the week to have great conversations with your kids. Use **The Action Bible (Pages 647-649)** as you lead your kids, and also use your own Bible (Luke 10:25-37) to read through some of the verses listed that will help them better understand.

- 1. Read **page 647 in The Action Bible** and **Luke 10:25**. What did the lawyer ask Jesus? (*He asked how he could inherit eternal life.*) What was Jesus's answer? (*He asked the lawyer what was written in the law. Jesus knew that the man knew the answer to his question.*)
- 2. What did the law say about inheriting eternal life? ("Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind" and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.")
- 3. Jesus told the man he was right and that this would bring him eternal life, but the man asked another question. What was it? (*Luke 25:29. He asked, "Who is my neighbor?"*)
- 4. Jesus answered the man with a story, or parable. Jesus often used stories to help people understand what He was trying to teach them. Read pages 648-649 in The Action Bible and refer to Luke 10: 30-37. Who was injured by robbers? (A Jewish man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. They took his clothes and beat him, leaving him half dead.)
- 5. The poor hurt man couldn't help himself, but three different people walked his way that day. What happened with the first man? (*Luke 10:31- A priest saw him and passed by.*) Who was the next man? (*Luke 10:32- A Levite, or assistant to the priests, walked by on the other side of the street.*) The hurt man was a Jew, like them. Why do you think these men didn't stop? (*They may have been afraid or too busy and in a hurry.*)
- 6. Who finally stopped to help the hurt man? (Verses 33-35. A Samaritan stopped and helped. He bandaged the man, put him on his donkey and took him to an inn. He even paid the innkeeper to take care of him!) Why did the Samaritan help the hurt man? (Read verse 33. He took pity on him, he felt sorry for him.)
- 7. After Jesus told this story, what did He ask the lawyer? (Verse 36- "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?") What was the lawyer's answer? (Verse 37- The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him.")
- 8. What did Jesus tell the lawyer? (Verse 38- "Go and do likewise.")

Digging Deeper

This weekend, we learned that God took pity on us and helped us, just as Jesus taught the lawyer to do for others. Why did God take pity on us? (Because we are all sinners in need of God's grace and forgiveness, and He wants us to have eternal life with Him.) How did God rescue us? (By sending Jesus to earth to experience all we experience, and to teach us about God's love. He then gave His life on the cross so that we could be forgiven of our sins and live forever in heaven with Him.)

Pray:

"Dear Jesus, Thank You for teaching us this parable so that we can know what You want us to do. Help us to love others and help them as You have loved and helped us. We love You. Amen."

Family Challenge:

1. Say: "Jesus told this story for a reason- He wants those who follow Him to do what He told the lawyer to do. What are the two things we must also do? (Love the Lord with all our hearts and love others as we love ourselves.) Let's name some ways that we can help others!"

Brainstorm about how your family can help others, and come up with one way you can do something to help others together.

- 2. Act out the story of the Good Samaritan together. You can make hats or costumes, use band aids or bandages, and a stuffed animal to be the donkey!
- 3. For younger kids: Watch "The Good Samaritan from The Beginners' Bible" on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pr1jPialBpc
- 4. For older kids: Watch Super Book- "The Good Samaritan." https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7PCEFp4WqM