

### LESSON 3

## THE GOOD SAMARITAN

### LESSON AT A GLANCE

**WONDER TRUTH:** Jesus Teaches Us to Show Compassion

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 10

**GOD'S BIG STORY:** Jesus teaches us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. He shares a parable about the one neighbor—a Samaritan—who showed mercy and compassion to an Israelite in need of help.

### ACTIVITY: Doctor Play

### ACTIVITY: Cotton Ball Painting

### WORSHIP

### God's Big Story

### Prayer and Blessing

### ACTIVITY: Bandage on Me

## Wonder@Home™

Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

## Intro Activity: Doctor Play

**SUPPLIES:** various baby dolls and stuffed animals, toy doctor kit, gauze, bandages

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

**Welcome! I'm so glad you're here to learn about compassion and the importance of taking care of others. Let's pretend to show compassion to these toys.**

Place various baby dolls and stuffed animals on the table. Add an assortment of bandages, gauze, and a toy doctor kit to the table. Provide enough of the various doctor items for kids to choose several.

Encourage kids to play doctor with the dolls and stuffed animals. Ask kids why their dolls/animals are sick and how they can help them. The leader can comment about how compassionate kids are being with their sick or hurt friends.

## Activity: Cotton Ball Painting

**SUPPLIES:** paper (1 sheet per kid), black marker (prep only), paper plates, cotton balls (1 per kid), clothespins (1 per kid), washable paint (assorted colors), paint smocks or large shirts (optional)

Before the activity begins, draw a large heart on each kid's sheet of paper. Attach a cotton ball to a clothespin for each kid.

Guide kids to hold their clothespins and dab the cotton balls in the paint and use it to paint inside the heart. Watch carefully to ensure they don't make a mess with the paint.

**You are doing a great job of painting the heart! This heart reminds me of God's big story today. We can love God by showing compassion to our neighbors.**

Give kids time to finish painting their hearts. You can write the Word of Wonder at the bottom of each kid's sheet. Collect the paint supplies when kids finish and invite them to join you in a circle.

**Our Wonder Truth today is JESUS TEACHES US TO SHOW COMPASSION.**

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

- **JESUS**—Point up.
- **TEACHES US TO**—Point to yourself.
- **SHOW COMPASSION.**—Put your hands over your heart.

## Worship

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** songs from the [What Did He Say? Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

**Today, we're learning that Jesus teaches us to show compassion.**

**We'll learn in our part of God's big story how God wants us to show compassion to our neighbors!**

Play songs from the [What Did He Say? Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

## God's Big Story

**SUPPLIES:** Bible

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** [God's Big Story Video](#)

Our part of God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about a person called the good Samaritan. Encourage the kids to say, "good Samaritan." Let's find out from the Bible what happened in this story.

Show the kids the God's Big Story Video, read the story from the Bible, or use the Script provided.

**Listen closely. Whenever you hear the word neighbor, clap your hands once.** Demonstrate the action. **Whenever you hear the word compassion, put your hands over your heart.** Demonstrate the action.

**A man came to Jesus and asked, "Who is my neighbor?" Clap. To answer the man's question, Jesus told a parable. A parable is a story to teach something important.**

**A man was traveling from a city called Jericho when robbers attacked him. They tore his clothes and hurt him. They were not good neighbors. Clap. Others were traveling on the same road. First, a priest came by, but instead of being a good neighbor (clap) and stopping to help, he walked past the man. Then a Levite came. But, instead of stopping to help his hurt neighbor (clap), the Levite kept walking. The priest and Levite forgot about loving their neighbor! Clap.**

**Next, a Samaritan man came. Samaritans did not get along with Jewish people. But the Samaritan saw that this man, his neighbor (clap), was hurt and stopped to help. He showed compassion (hands over heart) when he stopped to put medicine on his wounds. He put the Jewish man on his donkey and took him to an inn where he paid the innkeeper to take care of his neighbor. Clap.**

**Jesus said the man who stopped and helped was a good neighbor. Clap. Jesus was helping His followers understand that everyone around us is a neighbor. Clap. Jesus teaches us to show compassion. Hands over heart.**

## Prayer and Blessing

**Let's talk to God. When I say "compassion," put your hands over your heart again.**

**God, thank You for teaching us today. Thank You for showing us compassion (hands over heart) even when we don't deserve it. Please help us show compassion (hands over heart) to everyone we meet this week, even if it is hard. Thank You for loving us. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

**Blessing:** May you find ways to be kind and show compassion to others so they may see God's love.

## Activity: Bandage on Me

**In the story today, the Samaritan man helped the man who was hurt. How did he help?** Allow the kids to respond. **He put bandages and medicine on the hurt man's body and took him to an inn to get help. Let's pretend to put bandages on different parts of our body. I'll call out the body part, and you can pretend to put a bandage on that spot.** As you call out the body parts, you'll want to act out putting a bandage on yourself so the kids can copy you and know what to do.

Call out the following body parts:

- elbow
- head
- knee
- toes
- mouth
- foot
- shoulder
- hand
- stomach
- ear