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**Bible Passage: Luke 10:25-37**  
(The Good Samaritan)

## God is Love

### Additional activities for younger children:

*You may choose to do these all on Sunday, or spread them out throughout the week, reminding your children what they learned in the past lesson.*

#### Option 1: Helping Hands

When Jesus had a supper with His friends, there may have been dishes to wash after they finished. Children use a sponge, washcloth, and dish towels to wash and dry toy dishes.

##### SUPPLIES

- Dolls, Action Figures, or Stuffed Animals
- Tape
- Scrap Paper
- Water
- Washcloth
- Dish towels

##### SET UP

Take the tape and cut it into 2" strips. Place a 3/4" x 3/4" square of scrap paper in the middle of the tape to create pretend bandaids.

##### RELATE

The lesson plan for today is covering the story of the Good Samaritan. In this activity, kids will role play and pretend to take care of their stuffies, dolls, action figures, or they can pretend on you if you'd like. **What kinds of things can we do to help someone feel better when they get hurt?** Encourage responses. **Sometimes bandaids and ice packs help, and other times hugs and kisses make us feel better. We can also pray for people when they get hurt. Today in The Big God Story we're going to hear about when the Good Samaritan took care of someone who got hurt. Can you help me take care of your stuffies/dolls/action figures? We have bandaids, a washcloth to wash them, or we can give them hugs/kisses and pray for them.** Allow children to take a turns role playing.

## Option 2: Don't Forget

To help them remember that Jesus loves them very much, children remember a special message and whisper it to their friend.

### SUPPLIES

- None

### RELATE

Invite children to join you on the floor in a circle. **Friends, Jesus wants us to remember that He loves us so much. Let's play a game where we remember a special message. I'm going to whisper something into someone's ear. Then, she'll whisper it into the next person's ear. He'll pass it to the person next to him. We have to remember the message so we can tell our each other.**

You can play this game a few times, telling children different messages each time. Make sure children are whispering the message. Examples of messages: Jesus loves you; Jesus wants us to remember Him; God loves you; Tell a friend about Jesus.

## Option 3: Silly String

Like when people tie a string around their finger to remind them of something, children make a string painting to help remind them that Jesus loves them.

### SUPPLIES

- Table covering
- Aprons or smocks
- String (6" lengths, 8 per child)
- Scissors
- Construction paper (1 sheet per child, white)
- Tempera paint (various colors)
- Paper plates
- Wet wipes

### PREPARE AHEAD

Cover the table. Cut the string into six-inch pieces, enough for each child to have eight. Fold construction paper in half.

### SET UP

Place a sheet of paper at each child's seat. Pour paint on paper plates, and lay plates of paint down the center of the table. Set eight pieces of string next to each child's sheet of paper. Have wet wipes nearby.

### RELATE

Invite children to join you around the table. **Jesus wants us to remember His love. Sometimes when people want to remember something important, they tie a piece of string around their finger to remind them. We're going to use some string to make a painting.**

Demonstrate as you explain to children that they'll hold one end of the string and dip the other end into the paint.

Then, lay the string in a pattern on one half of the paper. Be sure to leave the clean end of the string out so you can hold on to it. Close the paper by folding the blank side over the patterned side. Put your hand on the paper and pull the string out. Children may choose to dip their pieces of string into different colors and do different patterns.

## **BLESS::** 5 min.

*Children receive a blessing from their leaders and sometimes one another. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide. Read this over your children at least once this week.*

Gather children around you for a blessing:

**Children, may you always remember how much God loves you.**

Open a Bible and read Psalm 77:11:

**I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes,  
I will remember your miracles of long ago.**