The Good Samaritan

Light a candle and remember the presence of God is with you. Lay out the green felt underlay.

Jesus told us sacred stories called parables. Sacred means that something is extra special. Jesus was extra special.

The stories Jesus told were messages about how to love God and love each other. Let us wonder how this parable helps us love. (pause)

Place the characters aside, and put the road, cities, and small navy rocks on the brown burlap underlay (see insert)

Diagram

Three walking people
1. prayer hands: the minister
2. scroll: church person
3. green robe: enemy and donkey

Jerusalem
Rock
Robber
Traveler
Jericho

A person got bullied by 2 men. They robbed and beat him up and left him hurt on the ground.

Move the traveler from Jerusalem.
Take the two robbers and attack the traveler.
The traveler and the robbers then go off the felt.
The traveler is replaced by the hurt traveler figure on the side of the road.

A minister saw the hurt man, but walked by the man.
Move the minister down the road and have him pass the hurt man on the other side of the road and off the felt.

Another church person saw him, but walked by the man.
Move the church person down the road and have him pass the hurt man on the other side of the road and off the felt.

The man then saw someone from another town approaching. No one liked the people from that town. They were enemies.

The person from the enemy town stopped at the man.
Move the enemy with his donkey to the hurt traveler starting at Jerusalem.

The “enemy” took the hurt man to Jericho. He took care of his bruises. He found a place for him to rest. He paid for his food and other needs. He helped the person that had been bullied and ignored by others get better.

The enemy picks up the traveler and takes him to Jericho.
Wondering with God’s Story

I wonder...

. . . if the traveler has a name?
. . . who is a neighbor to the robber?
. . . who is a neighbor to the minister, church person?
. . . who is a neighbor to the enemy?
. . . how we can be a neighbor?
. . . If you know why this story is called the “The Good” Samaritan? Who was “good” in this story?

Working with God’s Story

1. Have each person retell the story without reading the words. *Just use items.*

2. Find the story in your Bible and highlight it. You can also look in a Storybook Bible or online.

3. Ask the wondering questions more than once. Dinner? Car? Bedtime?

Check the “Weekly Faith FITness Plan” card.

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Come close to this story/parable of Jesus.

Luke 10:27-29
(Common English Version)

“The Scriptures say, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind.’ They also say, ‘Love your neighbors as much as you love yourself.’ Jesus said, “You have given the right answer. If you do this, you will have eternal life.”

But the man wanted to show that he knew what he was talking about. So he asked Jesus, “Who are my neighbors?”

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Working with the Story (Parable)

1. Lay out the brown burlap.
2. Place the road as shown above.
3. Place Jerusalem at the top and Jericho at the bottom of the road.
4. Place the navy rocks beside the road with the robbers hiding behind them.
5. Place the traveler on the road by Jerusalem.

Now you are ready to share this parable.

1st Move the traveler down the road towards Jericho.
2nd The robbers come out of the rocks and attack the traveler.
3rd Take the traveler and the robbers off the felt.
4th Replace the traveler with the man in yellow who is now hurt at on the side of the road.
5th Move the minister down the road and have him pass the hurt man on the other side of the road and off the felt.
6th Move the church person down the road and have him pass the hurt man on the other side of the road and off the felt.
7th Move the enemy with his donkey to the hurt traveler starting at Jerusalem.
8th The enemy picks up the traveler and takes him to Jericho.
9th Place the three men on the bottom of the felt before asking the wondering questions.

I wonder if the story has all it needs?
Can you tell the story differently?
### Family Prayer

**There are so many ways to pray. This week’s prayer challenge is to think of a time you or someone else in your family has been hurt. How did people help?**

Thank you, God, for showing us the importance of taking care of one another.

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