

The story of the Good Samaritan

Watch and read together:

Mary tells the story on this week's video:

<https://youtu.be/cg5JkrzZ6Ac>

and you can read it in a children's Bible story book or

read the Nick Butterworth/Mick Inkpen book called 'The Good Stranger'.

The story is in the Bible in Luke 10:25-37



Chat together:

I wonder what surprised you most about this story?

I wonder what God might be saying to us through this story?

Pray together: If possible cut out a large red heart from paper or draw a large heart on a sheet of paper. If you have a few sticking plasters you can use them too (save bigger ones for the craft!) and a candle.

We've heard in the story how the good Samaritan helped the man, he showed him love and kindness even though they were not friends. Think about how you could show God's love to others this week; maybe sending a card to a friend or neighbour who is poorly, maybe there is a broken relationship needs mending or maybe playing with someone at school or nursery who is sad, maybe sharing our toys!

Sit around the red card heart and light the candle. What could you do this week to show God's love? Have a think and then stick a plaster onto the heart - you could write the name of the person you are thinking about if you want to or just say the name as you stick.

Say a prayer together, use your own words or you could say this one:

Father God, thank you for loving us. Please help us to show your love this week to (say their names). Please surprise us this week with opportunities to show extravagant love to others, just like the good Samaritan. Amen

Sing together:

This is a great song which you might like to sing along to, it's called 'Shine from the inside out' <https://youtu.be/Btbzli8sR1o#>

See if you can learn the actions!

To do together:

Make a card to send to someone to cheer them up if they are unwell or feeling sad.

You will need card, some sticking plasters (ask first), wobbly eyes if you have them & pens.



Fold the card in half (if you only have paper fold that into

four to make it stronger) and stick a sticking plaster onto the card.

Add wobbly eyes and draw on a nose and mouth. Draw arms and legs and hair.

Decorate the card with hearts or flowers. Decide who you are going to send the card to and write inside. You may want to add a message on the front too.

Other activities to try:

Retell the story:

Maybe you could tell the story to someone else in your family? You could use small world figures like Playmobil or Lego, or make some finger puppets.

Bandages:

Maybe you could make some bandages like Mary did in the video and look after your teddies or dolls? You could have fun bandaging one another using a toilet roll but make sure you ask first!

Make a difference:

We can make a big difference to the world, and to the people we see, in lots of different ways - from smiling at a lonely person, to picking up litter, to holding the door open, or in bigger ways like helping a neighbour or someone in our family. Think about what you might do and ask God to help you to show his love to the people around you.

