

The Good Samaritan: Lesson 1

SuperTruth: I will treat others equally.

SuperVerse: *And God created us all; He has no favorites, whether rich or poor.* Job 34:19 (CEV)

Bible Story: Luke 9:51-56; 10:25-37

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1-6

Today, we will watch a Superbook adventure called “The Good Samaritan.” God created us all and doesn’t have favorites. He wants us to be loving, giving, and to treat everyone equally!

- Joy is so hungry that she’s reluctant to share a pizza with some needy children.
- Superbook takes Chris, Joy and Gizmo to meet Jesus, who tells the parable of the Good Samaritan. In the story, a wounded man is ignored by his countrymen as they pass by, but is rescued by a foreigner who stops to help him in his time of need.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1-6

Game: Equal Treatment (15 minutes)

Objective: *Play a game to give equally to everyone.*

- You will toss two coins toward your team’s two containers. One container represents your friends, and the second container represents others—people who may be very different from you. The goal is for your team’s containers to hold an equal number of coins.

Game Instructions:

- The first player on each team takes two coins and steps up to the line—4 feet from the table for Grades 1-3, or 8 feet from the table for Grades 4-6. Each player tosses the coins, one at a time, toward the containers. Play until all players have taken a turn.

Teaching: No Favorites (15 minutes)

Objective: *Discuss treating people equally.*

- The Jewish expert in the law asked Jesus who his neighbor was. He probably thought Jesus would say that his neighbors were only people who were like him. Jesus had a surprise for him!

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- For each lesson, there are two situations for you to discuss with your family or friends at home. Read one and ask, “How would you like to be treated in that situation?” Then discuss how you would treat the other person and why. Also, pray that God will help you treat others with love and respect. Ask Him to show you if you “play favorites” in any situations.

SuperVerse: Superbook Pass On Equality (5 minutes)

Objective: *Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.*

- God created everyone in His own image; both man and woman. (See Genesis 1:27.) God loves everyone, and He promises everyone the same thing—**salvation through Jesus!**
- Hand the ball to a child, who says the first word of the SuperVerse, then quickly passes the ball to the next child in the circle. Continue this way until the entire verse is completed, including the Scripture reference. Stop the time and record it on the board. Play again, starting with the next child who has not played. Try to beat the previous time.

Prayer: Equal Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: *Communicate with God.*

- Do you try to treat others equally, or do you sometimes treat others differently based on what they have or don’t have, how they dress, or where they live? Do you have any negative attitudes or prejudices against certain kinds of people?
- Take a moment to pray, asking God to show you anything that isn’t pleasing to Him. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you if you think you’re better than others, or if you feel superior to certain people. Ask God to help you love others and see them the way He does.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Neighbor Game: Play a game to care for your neighbor. | **Grades 1-6** | 15 min

Craft: Create murals of the Good Samaritan parable. | **Grades 1-6** | 15 min

Role Play: Act out the Good Samaritan story. | **Grades 1-3** | 15 min

Bible Study: Explore how to treat people equally. | **Grades 4-6** | 15 min

Game Materials

Needed:

- Friends and Others Sign Pattern
- One long table or two short ones pushed together
- Four cake or pie pans, metal or plastic bowls, or box lids; all equal size
- Container to hold the coins
- Pennies or small coins; two per child, plus extras
- Optional: painters tape or masking tape
- Two fifth or sixth grade

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Table
- Golden Rule Pattern
- Cardstock
- Pencils
- Children’s scissors
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

SuperVerse Materials

Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk
- Beach ball, foam ball, or balloon
- Timer, such as a stopwatch, clock or watch with second hand, or timer app
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App