

# The Good Samaritan: Lesson 2

**SuperTruth:** I will love my neighbor as myself.

**SuperVerse:** “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.” And, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Luke 10:27b (NLT)

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

## LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1-6

In this story, we will learn who our neighbors really are and how we should treat them. Jesus loves everyone in the world: all nations, all races, all people, rich or poor.

- 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 rescued by a foreigner who stops to help him in his time of need.
- In the Bible Background video, we'll see why Samaritans and Jews were enemies. We'll also learn more about the dangerous road between Jerusalem and Jericho.

## SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1-6

**Game:** The Most Important Commandments (15 minutes)

**Objective:** Play a game to reinforce the SuperVerse.

- You will each travel on the dangerous road from Jerusalem to Jericho, then return to Jerusalem. On your journey you will step over rocks and hills. You must also be on the lookout for robbers!

**Game Instructions:**

- Give two plates and two balloons, marked “Love God” and “Love Neighbors,” to the first player on each team. Both players travel the course, stepping over hills and rocks, spinning in a circle, then going to the Jericho mark, then turn around and repeat the actions on the way back to Jerusalem.

**Teaching:** Everyone is a Neighbor (15 minutes)

**Objective:** Discuss what it means to love others.

- When Jesus spoke to the expert in the law, He exposed his false belief that he could say he loved God yet not love his enemies. Jesus didn't only tell the Jewish lawyer to love the Samaritans; He made a Samaritan the hero of the parable—as a role model for everyone to follow!

**Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)**

- Continue with the Lesson 2 Golden Rule Card questions and you will have a chance to discuss your answers the next time we meet! In the meantime, look for opportunities to demonstrate God's love and mercy to others—beyond just our friends and families!

**SuperVerse:** Superbook On Top (5 minutes)

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

- The Bible tells us to love God above anything or anyone. Yet, that is not all we are required to do—we must also love our neighbor—and that means everyone!
- Write: love, heart, soul, strength, mind, and neighbor in random order at the top of the board, then erase these words from the verse. Now, read the verse and stop at each space where a word was erased. Have the children raise their hands to fill in the words. Now, erase the words on the top of the board and do the activity again, stopping at each space and having children supply the missing words from memory.

**Prayer:** Neighborly Prayers (5 minutes)

**Objective:** Communicate with God.

- Just as you are wonderfully made, so is your neighbor! Just as we love ourselves and want the best for ourselves, God tells us to love our neighbors the same way!
- We cannot say we love God and hate others. We must love our neighbors as ourselves. Ask God to fill your heart with His love today. Pause a few moments to allow children to pray.

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

**Neighborly Game:** Help your neighbor build the SuperTruth. | **Grades 1-6** | 15 min

**Activity:** Relate objects to events in the Bible story. | **Grades 1-6** | 10 min

**Coloring Activity:** Color a page with Jesus, Gizmo, Joy, and Chris. | **Grades 1-3** | 10 min

**Bible Study:** Dig deeper into loving your neighbor. | **Grades 4-6** | 15 min

### Game Materials

#### Needed:

- Permanent marker
- Four balloons, any shape and size, plus extras
- Six disposable plates
- Optional: painters tape or masking tape
- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk
- Four pillows/rugs, small boxes, bed sheets or blankets to make rocks and hills; add other obstacles to the course as desired
- Optional: sixth grade helpers to pretend to be “robbers”
- For large classes, double the number of items to make four teams

### Teaching Materials Needed:

- Two sixth grade readers
- Rope, string, yarn, or ribbon—at least 25 feet long, enough for all children to hold onto at the same time.
- Golden Rule Pattern for children who missed Lesson 1
- Bible or Superbook app

### SuperVerse Materials

#### Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker; or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

### Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App