

Messy Church @ Home No 15



The Good Samaritan *First Session*

Luke 10 25-37 *The Message*

Just then a religion scholar stood up with a question to test Jesus. "Teacher, what do I need to do to get eternal life?"

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²⁶ He answered, "What's written in God's Law? How do you interpret it?"

²⁷ He said, "That you love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and that you love your neighbour as well as you do yourself."

²⁸ "Good answer!" said Jesus. "Do it and you'll live."

²⁹ Looking for a loophole, he asked, "And just how would you define 'neighbour'?"

³⁰⁻³² Jesus answered by telling a story. "There was once a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way he was attacked by robbers. They took his clothes, beat him up, and went off leaving him half-dead. Luckily, a priest was on his way down the same road, but when he saw him he angled across to the other side. Then a Levite religious man showed up; he also avoided the injured man.

³³⁻³⁵ "A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. When he saw the man's condition, his heart went out to him. He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable. In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill—I'll pay you on my way back.'

³⁶ "What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbour to the man attacked by robbers?"

³⁷ "The one who treated him kindly," the religion scholar responded.

Jesus said, "Go and do the same."

When Jesus was asked a question he often told a story. These stories we call parables and he often used characters in the story with whom the people listening could connect and understand. In this case the question "who is my neighbour?" was asked by a religious scholar or lawyer. Some Jewish scholars in Jesus' time taught people that Samaritans were to be looked down on as being inferior. Jesus is saying very clearly in this parable this is not the case. God Loves everyone and we should love all our neighbours as he loves us.

- Song. I want to live in a friendly World** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fSvG8h17Vlo>



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By boyjohn artist Leon Bibb Audio with words only

Sing along to this old favourite.

- The story of the good Samaritan** By BBC Bitesize Religious education

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zcy87h> *Please copy and paste this into the search engine of your choice.*

And watch the video. After watching the video think carefully about how you would have responded. **Would you have**

Been frightened?	Yes or No	Been too busy and run past?	Yes or No
Helped a stranger not knowing who they are?	Yes or No	Thought someone else is more qualified to help?	Yes or No
Been late for something else and had no time?	Yes or No	Spent the money in your purse to help?	Yes or No

3. Prayer Time Dear Jesus,

If I am honest with myself, I do not like everyone.
Please help me to love everyone like you do.

Save me from pride, greed, envy and anger,
and let me care about every person you put near to me.

Teach me to treat everyone the same,
The poor the same as the rich and respect everyone.

Allow me to see the person and not the colour of their skin,
Help me to notice an outsider and lend them a helping hand.

We humbly ask you show us your way of doing things.

Amen

4. Craft time

• World Map with children of the world.



How to. Take a circle of cardboard or a paper plate, a piece of ribbon and a hole punch. Make a hole in the rim and attach the ribbon so you can hang it up later. Now find the template at the end of the pdf. Print and colour the picture of the world and cut out. Find the second template of children (thank you www.edupics.com), print and colour the different children and cut out. Glue the world onto the paper plate or the piece of cardboard then glue the coloured children around the picture of the world.

Why. The world has many different people in it, many different languages in it and many different looking children. Jesus tells us that he loves us all. Every single person on this earth is our neighbour and we should help any and all that we meet. Treating them all with respect and caring for them like the Samaritan cared for the man left dead on the road to Jericho. All Lives matter to God - we need to look after each other.

• Cheesy feet

How. Ingredients: 100g grated cheddar cheese

50 g plain flour

25 g margarine (or softened butter)

¼ teaspoon baking powder

Method: Set your oven to Gas Mark 6 (200 ° C)

Lightly grease baking tray.

Process all the ingredients together until they form a dough – be patient, it will happen given time.

Rest in the fridge for 20 minutes.

Roll out on a floured surface to approximately the thickness of a £1 coin.

Cut into strips (to make cheese straws) – or use cutters. I use my foot shaped cutter and make Cheesy Feet!

Bake for 10 – 12 minutes until golden and leave to cool (if you can) before eating – Yum!

Why.

Would you like to help someone who smelt differently from you? I remember helping a homeless person who lived under the arches in London to get ready for the doctor to examine him. He was dirty; I had



anticipated that as he lived on the street. He was grumpy; I had expected that as he was a soldier from the first world war and had shell shock. He wouldn't look me in the eye - I knew he always looked away.....but I wasn't expecting how smelly his feet would be. He was so grateful when I washed his feet and he always smiled at me after that kindness; even when he was back under the arches in Waterloo. It isn't always easy to treat people as you would want to be treated yourself.

5. Sing and dance together to.

"Every move I make" Kid's Worship <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPvnZILn6EY> By CJ and Friends



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Take time to watch this video carefully - the older children are kind to the younger children who might not know the dance as well. Watch how they let the less experienced ones have a turn at being centre stage near the end.

6. Prayer Time

Take a dice or 6 pieces of paper with numbers 1-6 on them. Throw the dice or look at the numbers on one of the pieces of paper. Then look at the numbered suggestions below and/or make up your own headings that relate to you now and the Story of the Good Samaritan. Pray to God to help you change the situation or idea.

1. The boss or teacher picks on me.
2. Black Lives Matter.
3. My neighbour told me off over COVID-19 restrictions.
4. The prisons are overcrowded.
5. Rich people are greedy.
6. I don't like a friend of mine.

Challenge of the week

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HUpVRixhKuY>

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For those who like listening to the music of Coldplay. I typed into Google "when I needed a friend" trying to find a suitable Messy Church sing along song. Instead I found this recent new song by Coldplay which they played in Jordan this year. I hear this song as a prayer of thanks.

In the countries next door to Jordan generations on both sides of the war have experienced prejudice against each other and they do not live in harmony as God intends. Jordan takes in many refugees from the war. Jordan is a Good Samaritan neighbour to its neighbours who are in a ruinous conflict.

I hope you will have time to have a meal together after this Messy Church @ Home session.

Messy Grace May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (Hold out your hands as if expecting a present) And the love of God (Put your hands on your heart) And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (Hold hands) be with us evermore. (Hands up in the air) Amen.



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