

## City LG—February 28th, 2021

**Today's Bible Story:** Hey Brother (Good Samaritan) • *Luke 10:25-37*

**Today's Bottom Line:** Be kind to people who are different from you.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *You are God's chosen people. You are holy and dearly loved. So put on tender mercy and kindness as if they were your clothes. Don't be proud. Be gentle and patient.* Colossians 3:12 (NIRV)

### **WORSHIP: Undefeated and Give My All**

*Worship Leader prays...*

"Hi, everyone! I've got an amazing story of kindness for you that's actually a story Jesus told. (*Hold up Bible.*)

"Everywhere that Jesus went, crowds of people always followed Him. This made the religious leaders nervous, since they didn't believe that Jesus is really the Son of God. So they were always trying to find ways to make Jesus look bad.

"One day, an expert in the law asked Jesus . . .

*Open the Bible to Luke 10:25 (NIRV) and read.*

"Teacher . . . *what must I do to receive eternal life?*

"Jesus asked the man what was written in the Law. The man said . . .

*Open the Bible to Luke 10:27-28 (NIRV) and read.*

"*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your strength and with all your mind. And, 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'*"

"*'You have answered correctly,' Jesus replied. 'Do that, and you will live.'*

"This law expert knew a lot about the rules people were supposed to follow. He wanted to find out the very LEAST he could do to obey the law. That way he could make himself look good. So he asked Jesus . . .

*Open the Bible to Luke 10:29 (NIRV) and read.*

"*And who is my neighbor?*

"Jesus responded by telling a story. One of the greatest stories ever told. Let's take a look!"

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:00)**

"Remember how Jesus was telling this story to the law expert? When Jesus finished, He asked the expert a question.

*Open the Bible to Luke 10:36-37 (NIRV) and read.*

*“Which of the three do you think was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by robbers?” The [man] replied, ‘The one who felt sorry for him.’ Jesus told him, ‘Go and do as he did.’*

“Jesus was trying to get the law expert to understand that EVERYONE is a neighbor, no matter how different they might be. Your neighbor is anyone who needs you to show them God’s love.

“We can learn an important lesson from what Jesus taught that day.

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line] “Be kind to people who are different from you.**

“We shouldn’t be like the priest or the Levite, who ignored the man who needed help. We should be on the lookout for ways that we can love others—even those who are different from us. We should show kindness, just like the Samaritan in Jesus’ story. Let’s pray.”

**SLIDE: Theme Background**

**PRAY:** “Dear God, thank You for this incredible story Jesus told. It reminds us how we should always treat others with kindness. Help us be kind to everyone—even people who are different from us. Help us share Your love and show others that they’re valuable with the way we live each day. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“Wow. What an amazing story we heard today! Jesus made it so clear that EVERYONE is important to God. Everyone matters to Him! So we should show love and kindness to everyone we meet.

“It’s important to remember that we shouldn’t just be kind to people who are like us . . . but also to people who are different from us. I think that’s why Jesus chose the Samaritan as the hero in His story. He wanted us to understand that every person we meet is our neighbor. We should show kindness to others, no matter what.

“Remember . . .

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line] “Be kind to people who are different from you.**

“You can show how much you love God by the way you treat others. If there’s someone who seems very different from you, you can make the first move to get to know them better. Ask questions to understand more about them. Show them that they matter to you.

“Every day, we can choose to show kindness the way Jesus taught us. Before we head to All Together Activities, let’s watch this!”

**CG: Dear God Video (Runtime: 1:30)**

*Dismiss kids to All Together Activities.*