



Helping Kids Grow in Faith God's Way

When Real Faith Looks Like Love

Lesson Aim

Children will understand that faith is more than just believing in Jesus. It is opening their hearts to His grace (God's free gift of love and help) so that faith grows into love, shown through acts of kindness, forgiveness, and care for others.

Scripture Focus

- "...You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27, *ESV*)
- "The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love." (Galatians 5:6, *NIV*)

Connect

- **Connection Point:** Ask: "What's one way someone has shown love to you recently? How did it make you feel?"

Teach

- **Bible Story:** Read or retell The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37).

One day a teacher of the law asked Jesus, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus replied, "What is written in the Law?" The man answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus told him, "You are right. Do this and you will live." But the man, wanting to justify himself, asked, "And who is my neighbor?"

So, Jesus told a story. A man was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attacked him. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him, and left him half-dead on the side of the road. A priest came by, saw the man, but crossed to the other side. Later, a Levite came by and did the same.

Then a Samaritan came along. Jews and Samaritans were enemies and avoided each other, but this man's heart was moved with compassion. He knelt beside the injured traveler, cleaned his wounds with oil and wine, and bandaged them. He lifted the man onto his donkey, took him to an inn, and cared for him through the night.



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The next day, the Samaritan gave the innkeeper two coins and said, "Take care of him, and I will repay any extra expenses when I return."

When Jesus finished the story, He asked, "Which of these three was a neighbor to the man who was hurt?"

The teacher of the law replied, "The one who showed mercy."

Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."

- **Discussion Questions:**

1. Who acted like a true neighbor in the story?
2. How did the Samaritan's actions show love?
3. What do you think Jesus wanted us to learn about faith and love?
4. What happens when faith is alive with God's grace?

- **Explain:**

- Faith is more than believing in Jesus. It's letting His grace change us.
- Grace is God's free gift of love and help, His power living in us.
- Love is the result of real faith. Love is choosing what's best for others, even when it's hard.
- When faith is alive with God's grace, it always grows into love for others.
- Example: We show faith in action when we include someone who feels left out, forgive someone who hurt us, or share what we have.

Model

- **Teacher shares:** a time when your faith helped you choose forgiveness, kindness, or truth.
- **Student activity:** Invite kids to act out scenarios (role-play, charades, or Pictionary) showing how faith can grow into love at school, home, or with friends. Encourage them to notice that love isn't only a feeling; it's a choice made possible by God's grace working inside us.

Pray

- "Jesus thank you for loving us. Help us open our hearts to you. Fill us with your grace so our faith grows into love. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Craft/Activity

Faith-to-Love Heart Craft Provide each child with a paper heart cut-out. On one side, write or draw "Faith in Jesus." On the other side, write or draw one way they can show love to others this week. Decorate the heart with markers, stickers, or crayons. Punch a hole and tie yarn so it can be hung as a reminder: Faith grows into love.

Key Takeaway

- Faith is trusting God's grace and letting it grow into love.