



Helping Kids Grow in Faith God's Way

When Real Faith Looks Like Love

Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, students will be able to:

1. Retell the story of the Good Samaritan in their own words.
2. Explain how faith begins with grace (God's free gift of love and help) and grows into love.
3. Identify at least one way they can live out faith through love in daily life.

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*)

Lesson Flow (25 min)

1. **Connect** (3 min)
 - **Opening Thought:** Ask: "What's one way someone has shown love to you recently? How did it make you feel?"
 - **Assessment:** Teacher observes student attentiveness and willingness to share.
2. **Teach** (7 min)
 - **Bible Story:** Read or retell The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37).

One day, a man asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" To answer, Jesus told a story. A man was walking from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attacked him. They beat him, stole his belongings, and left him badly hurt on the side of the road.

A priest came by, saw him, but crossed the road and kept walking. Then a Levite, another religious leader, saw the man but also passed by. Finally, a Samaritan came along. Even though Jews and Samaritans avoided one another, this man's heart was moved with compassion. He cleaned the traveler's wounds, placed him on his donkey, and brought him to an inn where he could heal.

The next day, the Samaritan gave the innkeeper money and promised to cover any extra costs. When Jesus finished the story, He asked, “Who was a neighbor to the man who was hurt?” The teacher of the law answered, “The one who showed mercy.” Jesus told him, “Go and do the same.”

- **Discussion Questions:**

1. “Who acted like a true neighbor in the story?”
2. How did the Samaritan’s faith show up as love?”
3. What happens when faith is alive with God’s grace?

- **Explain:**

- Faith is trusting God.
- Grace is God’s free gift of love and help, His power living in us.
- Love is faith made visible, like helping, forgiving, and caring for others.
- When faith is alive with God’s grace, it naturally grows into love for others.
- Real faith moves the heart like it did for the Samaritan. Grace stirs compassion, and love becomes the way faith is seen in the world.

- **Assessment:** Teacher checks understanding through student answers.

3. Model (7 min)

- **Teacher shares:** how your faith helped you choose forgiveness, kindness, or truth.
- **Student activity:** Invite students to role-play, draw in Pictionary, or act out Charades how faith can grow into love in everyday settings—at home, school, or with friends.
Assessment: Teacher notes engagement and whether students can connect faith to real-life actions.

4. Pray (2-3 min)

- “Jesus, help me open my heart to You. Fill me with Your grace so my faith grows into love. Amen.”
Assessment: Teacher observes participation and reverence during prayer.

5. Closing/Reflection (5 min)

- **Key Takeaway:** Faith is trusting God’s grace and letting it grow into love.
- **Student Reflection:** Turn to a partner and share one way you can show love this week at school, home, or with friends.
- **Teacher closes:** “When faith comes alive, it always shows up as love.”
Assessment: Teacher listens for understanding and the ability to recall the takeaway.

Optional Extension

Independent Practice: Students create a short “Faith in Action” plan: one way they can show love to others this week. (Optional: draw or write and post on a class board.)