

First Congregational Church Sunday School

The Good Samaritan

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This January in Sunday School, we will learn the story of the Good Samaritan. Our memory verse for the month is: “Love your enemies and be good to everyone who hates you. Luke 6:27. Don’t forget to check in with Miss Linda once you have this memorized for your chance to pick out a prize. Our sermon in Children’s Chapel will be *the Tallest of Smalls* by Max Lucado. It provides an encouraging message: When you feel like you are the smallest of smalls, Jesus’ love can make you feel like the tallest of tall.

Good Samaritan Workshops

Holy-wood: Kick back and relax and watch the Veggie Tales *Are You My Neighbor* on the big screen.

Good News TV: walk in the steps of the good Samaritan as we recreate the story.

Creation Station: Put your creative energies to good use as we get a little messy with and learn about loving our neighbor.

Antioch Arcade: It's time for Jeopardy! Come test your knowledge of the Good Samaritan.

What we will learn:

- Those who love God and their neighbors receive eternal life through Jesus Christ.
- God wants us to show kindness and mercy toward others, no matter who they are.
- God’s disciples help others in need without expecting a reward.

Family Time and Prayer:

Read: Read Luke 10:25-37

Reflection: When the expert in the law asked, "Who is my neighbor?" what he really meant was, "Who isn't?" He wanted to know who was in and who was out. Jesus turns the question upside down by making a Samaritan the hero. Samaritans were total outsiders, yet this one takes all the hate people threw at him and turns it into good. He takes care of someone who would never take care of him, proving by his actions that he is a real person who cannot be ignored. Have you ever been an outsider? How could you reach out to someone other people ignore?

Prayer: Lord help us to be good neighbors. When people make us the outsider, help us to love them anyway. When we're the insider, help us to reach out to others and welcome them. In Jesus' name. Amen

Offering: Our Offering this month is for the Heifer Project, which works to end world hunger by helping people become self-sufficient. We will also collect small personal care items for Grace of Douglas to use as prizes for our Bingo Game.

Volunteer Project: Saturday, January 14th @ 2pm at Grace of Douglas. We will be playing Bingo with the residents.

Family Friendly Event: Sunday, January 22nd @ 4pm in The Gathering Room of the church come watch *Kung-Fu Panda 2*.

Children's performance: The children will be performing a skit during Sunday service on January 30th.

Please bring your Bible every Sunday.