

Aged 5-10**Junior Teachers Guide****THE PRESBYTERIAN ORPHAN and CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

God cares for others

LESSON AIMS

To show that God cares for the needs of people.

To develop an awareness of the needs of other people and how these needs can be met through the Presbyterian Orphan and Children's Society.

NOTE TO TEACHERS

You need to:

- Read the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10 : 25-37).
- Read some information on the Presbyterian Orphan and Children's Society.
- Discuss with the children how God meets our needs today. This will include physical as well as spiritual needs. Explain that everyone is our neighbour.
- Discuss how children might contribute a small donation to helping others. Explain that God can do something marvellous with even a small donation. It is the attitude not the amount that is important (Widows mite, Luke 21 : 1-4).
- Consider the following questions:
 - Why was it remarkable for the Samaritan to help the Jewish man?
 - Why did others ignore the injured man?
 - What were the injured man's practical needs?
 - What are the practical needs of people today?
 - How does God provide for our practical needs?
- Be sensitive to any discussion of need. The Presbyterian Orphan and Children's Society helps children and their families in a practical way. Your Congregation may currently contribute to the Society. There may even be some families in your Congregation, unknown to you, who are receiving help from the Society and some of these children may even be in your class!

STRUCTURE OF THE LESSON MATERIAL

The lesson looks at the story of the Good Samaritan. As a visual aid you might make a newspaper headline for the 'Jericho Times' about how the injured man was helped. After the story, the children could be reporters giving their story for the paper. Ask them to colour in the story in the workbook and do the puzzles. They might like to make up their own prayer about caring for others.

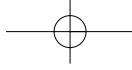
THE GOOD SAMARITAN (THE STORY)

One day a lawyer asked Jesus “what do I have to do to live forever”. Jesus said to do what it says in the Bible and asked the lawyer what he thought this meant. The lawyer said that it meant he had to love God totally and his neighbour in the same way. The lawyer wanted to show how clever he was so he asked Jesus, “Who is my neighbour?” Jesus then told this story:

He told how a man was robbed on his way from Jerusalem to Jericho. The road from Jerusalem to Jericho was steep and 17 miles long. The man was robbed, beaten up and left at the side of the road. Two religious leaders saw the man lying at the side of the road but they ignored him and passed by on the other side. The people Jesus was speaking to would then have expected to be told that an ordinary Jewish man came and helped the injured man. But Jesus tells of a Samaritan man coming to help. The Samaritan bandaged his wounds and soothed the pain with oil and wine. He then brought the man to an inn and gave a substantial amount of money to the innkeeper to take care of him. He even offered more money to the innkeeper if the man needed further attention. Jesus shocked the people he was talking to because the Jews hated the Samaritans. Jesus shows at the end of the story that we must have compassion for others and help them. Everyone is our neighbour and therefore we need to show the love of Christ to all those in need.

QUICK QUIZ

1. *What was the occupation of the man who quizzed Jesus?*
(A Lawyer)
2. *What did he call Jesus?*
(Teacher)
3. *Where was the man going in the story?*
(Jerusalem to Jericho)
4. *What happened to him?*
(He was beaten and robbed)
5. *Who passed by on the other side of the road from the man?*
(A Priest and a Levite)
6. *Who eventually cared for the man?*
(A Samaritan)
7. *How much did the Samaritan pay the innkeeper?*
(Two denarii)



MEMORY VERSE

He answered

'Love the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind' and 'Love your neighbour as yourself'.

Luke Chapter 10, Verse 27

PRAYER

Thank you Jesus for giving us many things we need. Thank you for the good things we have and help us to think of other families and children who might not have what they need. Help us to be like you.

Amen.

ACTIVITY

- Do the word search in the activity leaflet.
- Do the unscramble quiz in the activity leaflet.

Answer

But a Samaritan, as he travelled...when he saw him, he took pity on him.

Luke Chapter 10, Verse 33



GOD CARES FOR PEOPLE TODAY

God cared for the injured man in the story. He did this through other people – the innkeeper, but mainly the Good Samaritan.

God cares for people today. God helps families and children today through the Presbyterian Orphan and Children's Society. The UK and Ireland have some of the highest rates of child poverty in Europe. Around a quarter of children in Northern Ireland live in poverty, with around 8 per cent in severe poverty. In the Republic of Ireland a quarter of children live in poverty, with 14 per cent living in consistent poverty. Poverty has a very negative impact on the lives of children and, in general, children's health and educational outcomes appear to be closely linked to family income levels.

The Presbyterian Orphan and Children's Society cannot impact every family income or take every child out of poverty. However, it can change the income, outlook, and therefore life chances, for many Presbyterian children and their families. Here are some quotes from families we help:

“For the support you have offered, the help we have been given, it all means so much”.

“The Society's help over the last few years has made my family's life so much easier”.

Perhaps your class could help raise funds for the work of the Presbyterian Orphan and Children's Society. If you would like to know more of what we do, contact us at:

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