

A Good Friend Cares For Others!

From Entourage Lesson 7

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - LOVE

Great leaders understand that through loving others, doors will open to reach those people in greater ways.

LEARNING GOAL:

Your children will learn that we should seek out friends who are wise and we should try to be wise friends. Wise friends encourage each other to make choices that God wants us to make.

LEADERSHIP STORY:

The parable of the Good Samaritan. (*Luke 10:30-37*)

WHAT DO I DO?

Have your children read the Leadership Story. Next, have your children watch the Leadership Video and complete the Child Leadership Questions. If you want to do the Optional Family Activity, have the whole family watch the Leadership Video, then lead your family through the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: WHO'S THE SAMARITAN?

Jesus talked about "The Samaritan" because everyone at that time knew that Jews and Samaritans did not like each other. Discuss people in your life who you disagree with or do not like. Think of a couple of ways you can show those people that God loves them, even if it is as simple as saying something nice to them. Write their names, and what you will do for them, down on a piece of paper. As a family pray that each of you will follow through and show God's love through your actions to these people.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:39b (NLT)

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Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *A Good Friend Cares For Others!*
(File name: Elevate_LOVE_Ent_L7_AGoodFriendCaresForOthers.mp4)
- A pen or pencil

Read about the Good Samaritan, told by Jesus, in the Bible in Luke 10:30-37. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. According to the video, does the Bible teach us to be friends with everyone or to choose our friends carefully?
2. Who were the four main people mentioned in the story Jesus told?
3. The injured Jewish man, the priest, and the Temple assistant all had something in common. What was it?
4. Why was it strange that the Samaritan man stopped to help the Jewish man?

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5. Pastor Mike mentioned three categories that other people fall into. Write the names of two people for each of the categories listed below.

- Category 1: People we do not know.
- Category 2: People we know and like.
- Category 3: People we know and do not like.

If the Samaritan man in the story filled out the list above, he had every reason to put the Jewish man in category three and treat him like an enemy. However, he chose not to. He showed him kindness. Not everyone in our lives will be our friends, but Jesus told this story to show that we should treat all people with love. Draw a big heart around all six of the people listed in the categories above. Write "God loves everyone" over them.

6. Think about some people you don't know very well and some who you don't really like. Write their names below and draw a heart around them. Pray for them this week and watch for a chance to do something nice for them to show them God's love.

Here are some examples of ways you could show them love:

- Not saying something mean to them.
- Sharing a snack from your lunch.
- Inviting them to play with you and your friends.
- Inviting them to church.

When you see an opportunity that God gives you to care for people, pray that God will give you the courage to do it. When you do that, you are being a good friend.

Memory Verse: Ask your parents to help you memorize this verse.

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1. Choose them carefully.
2. The Jewish man. The priest. The Temple assistant. The Samaritan.
3. They were all Jewish.
4. Samaritans and Jews didn't like each other.
5. Answers may vary depending on the people involved in the child's life.
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