

Stand Up For Others

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One way to serve others is to stand up for them. As you explore the Bible story of the Good Samaritan, discover ways you can stand up for someone in need at school, on the playground, or in your neighborhood.

For

Young Family

Season

Spring



Needed

Bible; Internet-connected device for viewing video

Prepare in Advance

- Mark your Bible at Luke 10:29-37.
- Select and preview one or two videos from the website [Videos about Bullying](#).

Activity Plan

1. Gather the family and pray aloud:

Be with us today, O God, and help us to learn more about serving our friends and neighbors in Jesus' name. Amen.

2. Invite family members to pantomime the story of the Good Samaritan as you read aloud Luke 10:29-37 from your Bible, or from the text at the end of this activity.
3. Encourage each person to tell what part of the story he or she likes best. Discuss:
 - Jesus told this story to answer the question, "Who is my neighbor?" What is Jesus teaching us about who our neighbors are?
 - When have you done something like the Good Samaritan did?
 - When have you ignored someone in need, like the priest did in the parable? What could you have done differently?
 - In what situations might you be able to act like the Good Samaritan in the future?
4. To consider links between the story of the Good Samaritan and the contemporary issue of bullying, watch the videos you selected from: [Videos about Bullying](#). Discuss:
 - Do you think Jesus would say that people who are being bullied are our neighbors? Why or why not?
 - In what ways can you be a good neighbor to someone who is being bullied?
5. To close your conversation, invite family members to offer short prayers for people who need a good friend or neighbor to help them.



The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:29-37

²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.

³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’”

³⁶ “Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

