



*Powerfully Teaching
Your Children
Gospel Principles*

Lesson Plan: “Latter-day Good Samaritan”

Objectives:

- Emphasize that when we serve others we are serving God..
- Talk about how we can serve and show charity to those in need.

Reinforces Principles of:

- Service
- Charity

Each lesson contains 5 timed activities:

(Choose the activities that fit your family’s schedule.

Additional resources are provided as extra time may be available.)

Reverence Time: Song, prayer, scripture and video clip

Lesson Time: Lesson summary and points to ponder

Story Time: Story

Activity Time: Object lesson or activity

Treat Time: Prayer, theme related recipe & music video

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ReverenceTime

Approximate Time: 5 minutes

Sing Together: Children's Songbook #120 "Nehi's Courage" verse 1.
If you wish to have an online music file to accompany you visit:
<http://www.lds.org/churchmusic>
(Note: Navigate to the *Interactive Church Music Player* where you can listen to and print Church hymns and children's songs.)

Prayer:

Scripture Time: Luke 10:25-35

25. And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?
26. He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?
27. And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.
28. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.
29. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?
30. And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.
31. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
32. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.
33. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,
34. And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
35. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

Video Time: Watch chapter 11 from the animated Complete Learning System, *The Good Samaritan* DVD. (Video clip is also provided for viewing online.)

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LessonTime

Approximate Time: 5 minutes

Lesson Summary:

The path that leads to perfection.

“Jesus provided our watchword: ‘Go, and do thou likewise.’ When we obey that declaration, we receive opportunities for joy seldom equaled and never surpassed...the Jericho Road may not be clearly marked...But when we walk in the steps of that good Samaritan, we walk the pathway that leads to perfection.” *Thomas S. Monson, Tambuli, Sept. 1989, © 2006 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

Seek out those in need.

It is our duty, as members of the church to seek out those in need and give with a spirit of love. “And remember in all things the poor and the needy, the sick and the afflicted, for he that doeth not these things, the same is not my disciple.” (Doctrine and Covenants 52:40) Donating usable goods and money, paying fast offerings, and volunteer work are some of the ways we can be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Even very small children can save their pennies to donate to the Church’s Humanitarian Services fund.

“Refuge from the storm.” (Doctrine and Covenants 115:6.)

No matter where disaster strikes, the church will be there to help. “And that the gathering together upon the land of Zion, and upon her stakes, may be for a defense, and for a refuge from the storm, and from wrath when it shall be poured out without mixture upon the whole earth.” (Doctrine and Covenants 115:6.) As members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints we can work with our stakes and wards to help those in need of refuge from life’s storms.

Points to Ponder:

Jesus said “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.” (John 13:34.) **What did He mean?**

“The Savior wants us to love others as He loves them. It is not necessary for us to lay down our life for others as He did. But like the Savior, we should bless the lives of others by giving of what our life is made up of—our time, our talents, our means, and ourselves.” *Robert J. Whetten, Friend, Aug. 2000, © 2006 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

Why does the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints help with humanitarian efforts?

President Gordon B. Hinckley has said, “Human suffering anywhere and among any people is a matter of urgent concern for us.” (National Press Club, March 8, 2000.) “Because of this, our emergency response team reacts immediately in times of emergency with needed life-sustaining resources.” © 2006 by *Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

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StoryTime

Approximate Time: 2 minutes

Five-year old Katrina tried to blink away the tears that stung her big blue eyes.

“What’s wrong sweetie, did you get hurt?” Miss Johnson asked.

Katrina’s long brown curls bounced as she shook her head. “Clay says I can’t play with him anymore ’cause I’m a real bad one.”

“Oh, Katrina, you’re not bad.” Miss Johnson took a tissue from her pocket and wiped away the little girl’s tears, “Clay doesn’t understand, but I think I do. Let’s go find him and I’ll explain it to both of you.”

Miss Johnson and Katrina found the spunky redhead hanging upside down on the monkey bars.

“Hi Clay. Can you come down? I have something very important to talk to you about.”

“But, Miss Johnson, I’m an orangutan and I’m swinging in my tree!”

“And a very smart orangutan, because you can talk. So please, come down and talk to me!”

Clay grabbed the bar with his hands, swung his legs around and then let go, landing on his feet in the soft sand. Looking first at Katrina and then Miss Johnson, “Am I in trouble?”

“No you’re not in trouble, but there is something we need to clear up. Do you know what a hurricane is?”

Clay scratched his head and squinted, “Is it a cane kind a like President Hinckley uses that helps you to hurry?”

Miss Johnson smiled, “No, it’s not a cane, but that’s a good guess. A hurricane is a really bad storm with very strong winds. And each hurricane is given the name of a person. Yesterday a hurricane named Katrina destroyed a lot of homes. It practically destroyed all of New Orleans and many other cities. It was a really bad one!”

Clay sheepishly looked at Katrina, “OH!”

“Did you know hurricanes are named after girls and boys? Someday there might even be a hurricane named Clay that’s even worse than Hurricane Katrina!”

Really? Clay smiled, “Sorry Katrina. I didn’t really think you were bad.”

“It’s okay. Can we be friends again?”

With a big mischievous grin Clay tapped Katrina’s shoulder, “You’re it!”

Miss Johnson smiled as the two friends ran around the playground laughing and squealing.

After school Katrina and her mom talked about the people who had lost everything they owned when Hurricane Katrina hit. Mom told Katrina that their family was going to help by making hygiene kits during family night. Katrina was excited about making the kits, but she wanted to do more. She took down the big jar that she kept her pennies in. She had been saving for months and had finally saved enough to go to the Build-Your-Own-Bear Workshop®.

“Mom, I have lots of toys. I want to use my pennies to buy toys for the kids whose toys the other ‘Katrina’ took away.”

Mom smiled and hugged Katrina real tight. “Katrina, you’re a real Latter-day Good Samaritan.”

Katrina looked up at her mother. “Like the Good Samaritan in my New Testament DVD who helped the man who was hurt?”

“That’s right. And I know that Jesus and Heavenly Father are just as proud of you as I am!”

The next day Katrina and Mom went to the Build-Your-Own-Bear Workshop® and Katrina made a very special bear with a heart that lit up to give to a Hurricane Katrina victim.

“Mom, guess what? Making a bear for a little girl who needs it more than me makes me really happy!”

“Then you’ve done it right sweetie! Because true happiness comes from serving others with a pure heart.”

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ActivityTime

Approximate Time: 2

- What you need:** (For each Hygiene Kit you make)
- (2) Unbreakable combs (no sharp handles)
 - (4) Toothbrushes (packaged)
 - (1) Tube of toothpaste (6–8 oz. no pumps)
 - (2) Bars of soap (approximately 4 oz.)
 - (2) Hand towels (15 x 25 inches)
- (Please do not use dish towels or washcloths. Use new hand towels or make towels by zig-zagging or surging edges of a 16 x 26 inch piece of terry cloth to prevent fraying and then hemming with 1 inch seams.)
- (1) Heavy-duty, one-gallon sealable bag

Activity: **Caring for others is the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Action.** People who donate their time, talents, and resources to ease the burden of those in need make the humanitarian activities of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints possible. Individuals can donate cash to the humanitarian fund. Volunteers can make humanitarian kits that provide hygiene, newborn, and school supplies to needy people throughout the world. Rights and use information, © 2006 by Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.

Have your family prepare Hygiene Kits for disaster victims by placing the first five items in the one-gallon sealable bag. Remove air before sealing.

Take or mail your kits to:
The Latter-day Saint Humanitarian Center
1665 S. Bennett Rd. SLC, UT 84104,
or take your Hygiene Kits to the nearest Bishops'
Storehouse. For more information call 801-240-5954.

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TreatTime

Approximate Time: 10 minutes (not including prep and chill time)

Cheddar Pennies

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Chill Time: 1 hour

Bake Time: 20 minutes

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
Lightly grease a large cookie sheet.

2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 pinch salt
1 pinch cayenne pepper
1 pinch garlic powder
16 ounces shredded Cheddar cheese
1 cup butter, melted



Mix together the flour, salt, cayenne pepper, and garlic powder.
Stir in the Cheddar cheese and melted butter to form a firm dough.
Chill for 1 hour. Roll dough into ropes as big around as a penny.
Slice into 1/4 inch thick circles. Place slices onto prepared cookie sheet 1 inch apart.
Bake for 20 minutes until the bottoms of the pennies are lightly toasted and the tops are firm.

Treat Time: Let children participate by rolling the dough into ropes.

Closing Prayer and blessing on the food:

Music Video: Watch *The Animated New Testament Music Video, My Hands* (also available online), while you eat your Cheddar Pennies.