

Be a neighbor

Start any week / About 20-30 minutes together / Adapt to your household

Read together: Luke 10:25-37

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, compassion becomes practical help. Being a neighbor starts by noticing a need and asking what would actually help. Children can practice kindness within safe, familiar relationships. Adults remain responsible for contact with strangers, travel and money.

Talk together

What did the Samaritan do that helped?

When has someone made you feel cared for?

How can we ask what someone needs instead of guessing?

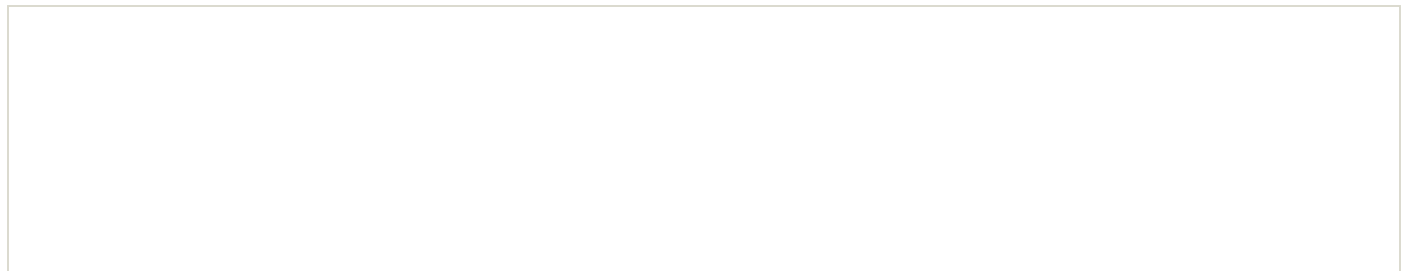
Make or do: A kindness map

You will need: A sheet of paper and pencils or crayons.

1. Write HOME in the center. Add circles for school, parish and your neighborhood.
2. In each circle, draw or write a small way to help: sharing a task, making room or offering encouragement.
3. Choose one action. Decide who will do it and when, with an adult handling any arrangements.

Read the Bible passage at bible.usccb.org. Scripture text is not reproduced. Sharing aloud is always optional.

A thought, sketch or idea from our activity



Our week of small beginnings

Dates: _____ / Choose the pace that fits your family.

- ☐ **Day 1: Read the parable.**
- ☐ **Day 2: Notice an everyday need at home.**
- ☐ **Day 3: Draw the kindness map.**
- ☐ **Day 4: Ask what help would be welcome.**
- ☐ **Day 5: Carry out one small action.**
- ☐ **Day 6: Pray for the people on your map.**
- ☐ **Day 7: Talk about what helped and what to change.**

Make room for different ages

Ages 4-7: Offer two concrete choices, such as putting away shared toys or drawing a card.

Ages 8-12 and older: Ask how to help without embarrassing someone. A useful action does not need an audience.

Put love into practice

Ask a local parish pantry which items it currently needs. If buying something is not possible, ask about another suitable way to help.

Pray together

Jesus, teach us to notice our neighbors. Give us patient hearts and willing hands, so that our love becomes useful care. Amen.

A moment we want to remember
