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Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15-17; John 13:34-35; Ephesians 4:3; Philippians 2:3-8; 1 Peter 3:8

BIBLE VERSE: MATTHEW 9:36

"When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

BIG IDEAS

- Our sin makes us self-centered and blinds us from seeing God and others.
- God loves us even when we are His enemies.
- Jesus' compassion for us creates in us a compassion for others.

BIBLE STORY: LUKE 10:25-37

Jesus shares the story of a Samaritan who showed the love of God when others did not. He stopped when no one else stopped to help a Jewish man who had been beaten and left for dead. We are like the Jewish man in the ditch and God is like the Samaritan. He helps us even when we are His enemies.

STORY: REDEMPTION

Thankfully, God does not just leave us in the broken world, but is repairing the brokenness through His Son. From the very beginning of time, God promised He would fix creation, and He kept His promise by sending Jesus to rescue us from our sin. Jesus came to live on the earth and willingly died on the cross so that sin's power over creation would be broken forever.

BIG AIMS



Every child should know that:

- God fixes our relationships with Him and with others through Jesus



Every child should feel:

- Hope that God is fixing creation



Every child should:

- See Jesus as God's plan for our brokenness



Every child should want:

- To be made new through faith and hope in Jesus

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THE COMPASSIONATE

As a family create a First Aid Samaritan Box using a small box, such as a child's shoebox, paint, a small sponge, band-aids, cotton balls, gauze and other first aid supplies. Use the sponge to paint the box and then place the items inside the box. Talk with your child about how we can use the items in the box to fix people's bodies but God sent Jesus to fix our relationships with each other. Talk about how God is our Rescuer and He fixes our relationships with others. We know how to be compassionate because Jesus shows us compassion.

DISCOVER IT: *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*

Luke 10:25-37.

THINK ABOUT IT: *(Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)*

A Jewish man was traveling one day when he was attacked and robbed. The thieves beat the man very badly, threw him in a ditch on the side of the road and left him to die. The man laid in the ditch and was not able to help himself. A priest passed by and saw the man in the ditch, but he did not stop to help. Instead, he walked on the opposite side of the road so he would not pass directly by the hurt man in the ditch. The next person to pass by was a Levite. He was most likely on his way to assist the priests in the temple. Though he was a religious man, he did not stop to help the dying man. Instead, he walked on the opposite side of the road, too. The third person to pass by was a Samaritan. The Jews and the Samaritans were not friends. Actually, they were enemies. They had a long history of disliking each other, but the Samaritan did not pass the dying man by. Instead, he stopped and bandaged up the man's wounds. Then he took the man to an inn and paid the innkeeper for the man's medical care, food, and bed. The Samaritan wasn't the person most likely to help a Jewish man, but he did. He showed the compassion of God to the Jewish man even though the Jewish man was most likely his enemy. We are like the man in the ditch. We cannot help ourselves and we are the enemies of God, yet God still made a way for us to be with Him when He sent Jesus to pay our sin debt. We know what compassion is because Jesus shows us compassion. God saves us and fixes our relationships with others by showing us grace and mercy. We can show others grace and mercy because God has shown us grace and mercy.

TALK ABOUT IT: *(Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)*

- What happened to the Jewish man? (He was attacked and robbed.)
- Who were the first two people to pass by? (The priest and the Levite.)
- What did the priest and Levite do when they saw the man in the ditch? (They passed by on the opposite side of the road.)
- Who helped the man in the ditch? (The Samaritan helped him.)
- Why is it unusual that the Samaritan helped the Jewish man? (They were enemies.)



KNOW



DO



FEEL



WANT

As a family, memorize Matthew 9:36 by playing a game of Verse Hangman. Take turns guessing the letters in the verse. Say the verse out loud several times.

Spend some time as a family collecting donations for your local food pantry or homeless shelter. As you take these donations to the shelter or pantry, talk with your child about how Jesus' compassion for us helps us have compassion for others and we can even love and help people we don't know, like those who are homeless or don't have food.

Spend some time this week praying with your child, thanking God for fixing our relationships with others.

This week, sing praise songs together as a family that talk about God's kindness and compassion.