

Option 3. The sheep and the goats. Dramatize the parable of the sheep and the goats, found in Matt. 25:31-46.

Narrator (adult): Read the parts that are not spoken by the King, sheep or goats.

King (adult): Read, or say by memory, the words of the King.

Sheep (children). One of them reads or speaks from memory the words of the sheep.

Goats (children). One of them reads or speaks from memory the words of the goats.

Option 4. Refute Satan's threats. You may choose two persons to read or recite this poem:

Speaker # 1, with jeering voice:

The demons like to stir up envy.
Such bitterness! How men complain!
They grasp with greedy hands for money.
And sell their souls for selfish gain.

Speaker # 2, with joyful, determined voice:

Let demons fit their flaming arrow,
Of 'jealousy' upon the bow.
Our armour's firm and will not crack.
Our faith withstands the harshest blow!

Announce the activity that you planned to do during the week, to help the needy. Let your people mention neighbours and friends who need help, and say what they would like to do. Then help them decide who will work together and when. Make definite plans.

Help one another in groups of 2 or 3. Pray, confirm the plans and encourage one another.

The Good Samaritan

Serve the Sick, the Suffering and the Oppressed

Those who teach children should read study #73 for children.



Why are many people poor and have troubles? One reason is that evil spirits whisper lies to people. If people want to sin, then they will believe these lies. Evil spirits want us to be greedy, immoral and dishonest. But Jesus can free people from these sins and lies. He can change our hearts and makes us into people who have new desires and who do not want to sin.

1. Prepare your heart and mind with God's Word.

Our Purpose for this study is to serve the needy. Ask the Lord to give you and your flock real love for the needy—love that yields good works

Find in Luke 10:25-37 how **the Caring Samaritan** showed *practical* love.

[Answers: the Samaritan showed practical love by caring for the injured traveller. Jesus promises eternal life to believers who practice their faith this way.]

What did Jesus promise those who do the same?

[Answer: Compare Luke 10:25 with verse 47.]

Memorize 1 John 3:17-18.

2. Plan with your co-workers activities that your people will do next week.

Write your plan on paper, and announce it to the congregation at the next worship meeting. Make your plan specific. Plan to find the neediest people, then serve them as Galatians 6:10 says, **“As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”**



3. Plan with co-workers the upcoming worship time.

Pray during worship for people in painful need in the community.

Praise God for spiritual victories. Ask for testimonies and reports of work done last week.

Narrate Luke 10:25-37. Prepare a helper to relate Jesus' account of the Good Samaritan. First ask everyone to listen carefully to discover two things:

1) How **the Caring Samaritan** showed *practical* love.

2) What Jesus promised to those who do the same.

Afterwards, ask different people what they discovered.

Invite everyone to examine their heart, to confess their sins and celebrate the Lord's Supper. To introduce communion, you or a helper might read 1 Cor.10:16-17. Then explain that we *partake* in Christ's body. The Word of God became flesh and lived among us. He was born in Bethlehem, where Boaz once cultivated barley. 'Bethlehem' means 'house of bread.' It was where Jesus became flesh and blood, so he could become the Bread of Life for us.

Apply God's Word. Options:

Option 1. The Good Samaritan. Let adults and children act out together the story from Luke 10:25-37. Younger ones can do the part of the thieves who attack the traveller. Let an adult man be the donkey.

Option 2. Mr. Tradition. Let someone play the part of "Mr. Tradition." Ask him if he agrees with the Samaritan. He argues that we ought to spend all our time winning souls for Jesus, and not waste time doing social work. Ask the people to answer him. If they are shy, then correct him yourself, in your own words, by explaining what Jesus told us to do.