

Kids Activity Guide – 05/30

Parent Preparation:

Scripture: Matthew 22:36-39
Luke 10:25-37

Sunday School Tip – Read those scriptures ahead of time and make sure that you have a good grasp of how they relate to the bible point. You should see some correlation between Jesus' words and the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Primary Verse: " 'Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?' " Jesus replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself.' "

- Matthew 22:36-39

Main Point: The most important thing we can do is love God and love our neighbor.

In preparation for talking with your children, ask yourself the question: How do I know that I love God? How do I show my children that I love God? What does it mean to "love your neighbor?" Think of some examples your children might understand to help illustrate this point. **Scripture tells us that these two things are at the core of the Christian faith.**

Pray: Ask God to help you be patient with your children. Ask him to help you listen to them, Ask for the Holy Spirit to bless your time together, and empower you to help them understand how important these words from Jesus are.

Worship:

Worship is a critical component of helping people understand that faith gives us the strength to act. By worshipping God, we acknowledge his power over us and elevate him from being "a thing" to someone worthy of our praise, attention, and faith. Worship is an essential aspect of communicating our love to God.

Sunday School Tip: The more into worship you are, the more encouraging you are, the more likely your kids will get into it and participate.

You can use any Worship music or hymns you would like too, below I have included some links to music videos that we employ in Sunday school.

Say This: Today, we are going to be talking a little about how out how we can love God and love others. These two things were really important to Jesus, and they should be important to us. We're going to start by singing some songs about who God is and why we love him.

Video Links:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/6097677/video/345114189>

<https://vimeo.com/394498639>

<https://vimeo.com/383644377>

Loving God and Loving Others

Say This: Now that you have sung a little bit about God, let's take a look at a story where Jesus talks about loving God and loving others.

Read This: Luke 16:25-37

Sunday School Tip: This story should be pretty easy to find in a children's bible. Because it is a little long, we recommend reading it from there rather than a regular bible.

Ask: Why would Jesus use a story to teach people this important principle? Do you guys think there is any meaning behind the characters Jesus uses in the story? How can we show others "mercy?" How does loving others show that we love God?

The bible says Jesus taught that loving God and loving your neighbor were the two most important things people can do. Jesus used stories to help everyone understand his point. In this story, Jesus used special characters to help illustrate how our position or title does not mean anything; all of us required to show mercy to all people. We can show others by being kind to them, even when they do not deserve it. Loving others shows that we love God because we listen to him and that we know what is important to him is important to us.

Activity

Good Samaritan Coloring Sheet

Today's activity is a coloring sheet depicting The Parable of the Good Samaritan.

Put the Verse in Order Puzzle

We have included a puzzle with the words of Jesus all mixed up. Have the kids cut out the squares, color them, and then put the words together in the proper order. An answer key is included.

BandAid Craft

We have included a template to do a bandaid craft. You will need markers, colored pencils, or crayons to decorate. You will also need scissors and glue. You will cut the top page down the middle of the heart to create two pieces. On the back page, you or the kids will write "Love Your Neighbor" Luke 10:37.



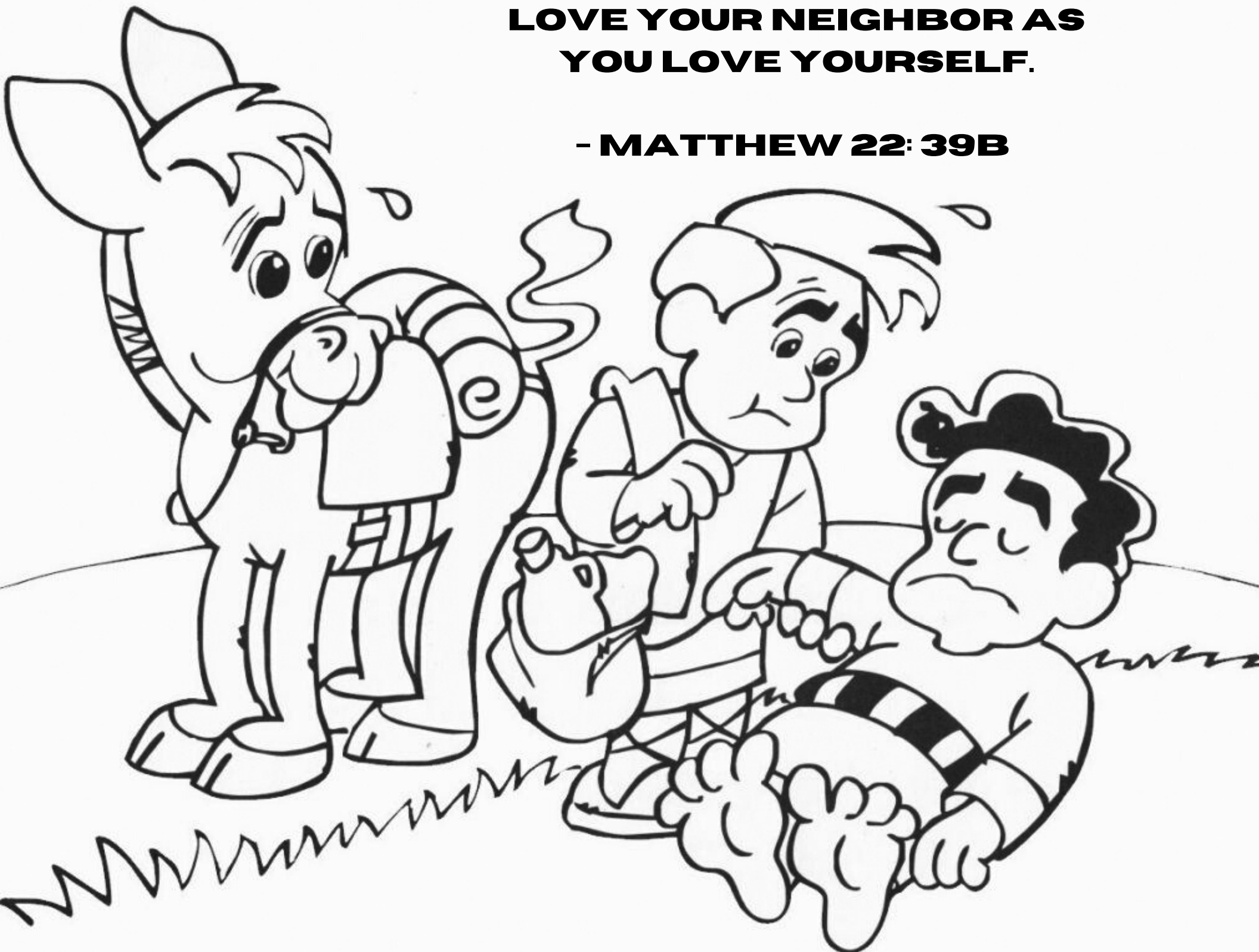
Prayer

Pray Pastor Richard's Pastoral Prayer Together

O Loving Father, we commend to your gracious, keeping all who are near and dear to us. Have mercy upon any who are sick, and comfort those who are in pain, anxiety, or sorrow. Awaken all who are careless about eternal things. Bless those who are young and in health, that they may give the days of their strength to you. Comfort the aged and infirm, that your peace may rest upon them. Hallow the ties of kindred, that we may help and not hinder one another in all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS
YOU LOVE YOURSELF.**

- MATTHEW 22: 39B



"Jesus replied:

**and with all
your mind'"**

your God with

**Oh no! The Jesus' words are all mixed up. Can you fix them?
Put the bible verse back in order.**

and with all your soul

all your heart

‘Love the Lord

ANSWER KEY

**'JESUS REPLIED: "LOVE THE
LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR
HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR
SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR
MIND.'"**

MATTHEW 22:37

