

# BIBLE STUDY

STAYCATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL

*first lutheran church*

W E D N E S D A Y

Theme of the day: **Loving the Others**

Question of the day: **Who do you see being treated unfairly?**

Verse of the day: **Luke 4:18-19**

Key Story: **Luke 10:25-37 - "The Good Samaritan"**

Key take away: **'The Others'** refers to people who have kind of been pushed aside in our world. People who are left out or not seen as equals. Jesus spent the majority of his time on earth surrounding himself with 'the others' like the tax collectors, or the homeless, or the lame, or the sick.... He spent a great deal of his life "loving the others". If we're called to live like Christ, then we're called to "Love the Others".

## SO & SO SHOW

<https://youtu.be/oiJdtfyQf6l>

The Question of the day comes from this video: "Who do you see being treated unfairly?"

## BIBLE STORY

Luke 10:25-37 – 'The Parable of the Good Samaritan'

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" 27 He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" 28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." 29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he Asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.

31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

36 “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

37 The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

## STORY RECAP

I always find that having kids try to retell the story after hearing is a great way to help them remember it. Try asking them to summarize it with you!

## STORY & VIDEO DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who is our neighbor?
- Who did you see being treated unfairly in the story from the So & So Show episode?
- Who did you see being treated unfairly in the story from Luke?
- Which character in the story do you connect with most from each Bible story you heard/read today?
- Why do you think Jesus said the Samaritan was the one who was acting like a neighbor?
- How were the other two people not acting like a neighbor?

# VERSE OF DAY & LESSON

**ASK** What do you think the theme of the day "Love the Others" means?

**READ** LUKE 4:18-19

**SAY** When we say "the others" we're talking about people who have been pushed aside by the world. People who aren't treated fairly or equally. Maybe they're people that no one likes, or people who go out of their way to be mean to other people all the time. They're people that the majority of the world don't care for enough. These are the types of people that Jesus spent the majority of his time with while he was on earth.

**ASK** What groups of people were named in our verse of the day?

**SAY** These groups of people: the poor, the prisoners, the blind, the oppressed... they are those who are very commonly considered 'the others'. They are the ones we forget about or push aside. This list in these verses definitely isn't a full list, but it's a good reminder of people who typically get left out.

**ASK** Can you think of any stories from the Bible when Jesus spent time with someone who would be considered 'the other'?

**READ** Story of Zacchaeus (after the activity section of this document, there is a children's version of the Zacchaeus story you can read)

**ASK** Who was 'the other' in this story? (Zacchaeus)

**ASK**

How do you think the people in the city felt when Jesus picked Zacchaeus to spend his time with instead of one of them?

**SAY**

Like it said in the story, Zacchaeus was not someone people liked. They didn't think he deserved Jesus' time or love. But Jesus knew that Zacchaeus was just as worthy of his time and love as any other person in that city. In fact, it's possible he may have even needed his love and attention more! Zacchaeus ended up paying back 4 times as much money as he had taken from the people and completely changed his life JUST because Jesus spent time with him, and showed him that he loved him, too.

**ASK**

Who do you see being treated unfairly in the Zacchaeus story?

**ASK**

Who do you see being treated unfairly in our world today?

**ASK**

How do we love the people who are considered 'the other' in our world today?

**ASK**

How might we work to show Christ's love to all people?

Allow time for answers and discussion. End the lesson in a prayer, asking God to help us better show love to those who have been cast aside, to love 'the others' like Jesus did, does, and calls us to.

# ACTIVITY

## Grab Three!

In this activity, everyone is going to have 2 minutes to grab 3 things that describe something (ex: describe sports or to describe yourself) to someone who's never heard of what you're describing. Each round you'll have something new to describe. You can pick your own or choose from the list below.

After they 'grab 3', go around the group and have each person share why they grabbed their items and what they mean.

The last round should be "grab 3 things to describe God's love" and then use that round to prompt discussion about how you could talk with someone about God's love. This is also a cool activity to do just to try to get an understanding of your child's view God. This can help you to have conversations with them using their own language/understanding! It can be a super cool experience for all!

### List of Things to Describe:

Sports	School	Art
Mom	Dad	(other family members)
Vacation	Swimming	Cooking
Yourself	Church	Outside

### Final one: "God's Love"

\*The next couple pages are coloring or activity pages that you can print off if you're looking for more activities to do!

# ZACCHAEUS STORY

This story starts with Jesus entering the town of Jericho. At that time, Jesus had been traveling all over performing miracles, telling stories... the word was spreading about this man and the amazing things he could do. So, it was pretty common that people would rush to see him when he came to a new place. In this town there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector and had lots of money. Now Zacchaeus often took more money than he was supposed to from people for their taxes so he could keep it for himself. This made the people in Jericho not like Zacchaeus very much.

But when Zacchaeus heard that Jesus was coming to town, he rushed to see him just like everyone else. Now Zacchaeus wasn't very tall, and he had a lot of trouble seeing anything where he was, so he decided to climb a tree to see Jesus. He climbed up a big sycamore tree, and when he did, Jesus spotted him and said "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." And he did!

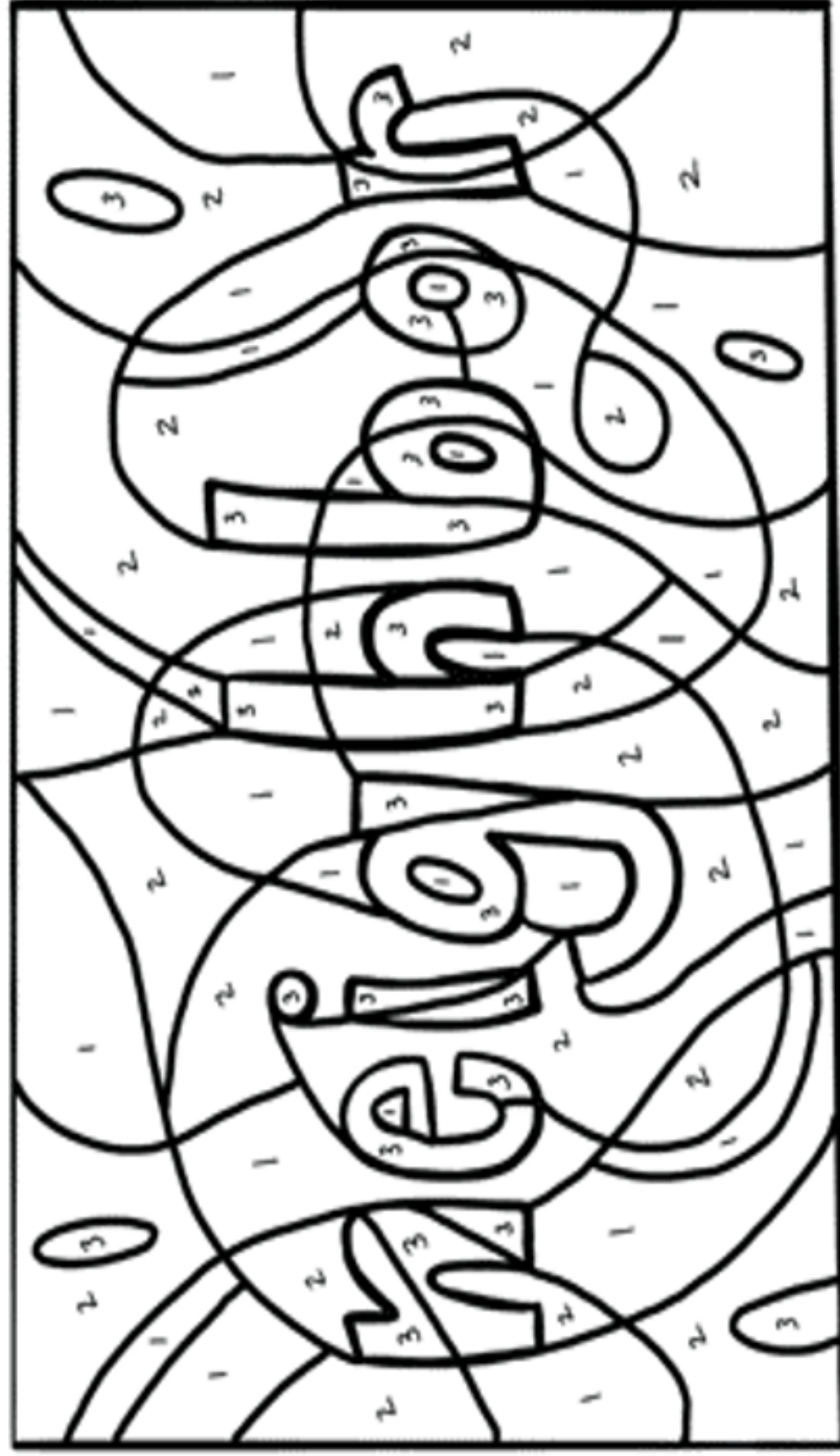
Zacchaeus was not a very popular person. People didn't like him... he stole from them and got rich from it. The reason this story is so important to me, is because despite this man being kind of a bad guy, Jesus still picks him to stay with. Jesus could have picked any person in the crowd... I'm sure there were plenty of people there that really wanted to be picked to give Jesus a place to stay that night... but Jesus picked Zacchaeus. A man who lied and stole and cheated... that's who Jesus wanted to spend his time with. An 'other'.

# The Good Samaritan

LUKE 10:25-37

The parable of the Good Samaritan, told by Jesus in Luke 10, reminds us to love thy....

To find the answer, fill in the image by coloring 1 BLUE, 2 GREEN, and 3 YELLOW.



But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

*Luke 10:33*

