

A Friend in Need

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If you have a friend who is ill, or going through a hard time, these activities can help.

For

Just for Kids

Season

Spring



Activity Plan

1. When we have a friend in need, it can be hard to decide what to do. Read the parable of the good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37 (see last page). Then, talk about it with a grown-up.
 - Why do you think some people passed by the man in the ditch?
 - Why do you think the good Samaritan stopped to help?
 - How did the good Samaritan show that he loved his neighbor as himself?
 - God calls us to help others, and we also need to make sure we take care of ourselves. When do you think it's okay to choose not to help someone?
2. Have a grown-up help you decide what to do for your friend in need.

Sometimes the best help we can give is our time and friendship. Here are some simple tips for helping a friend in need.

- Just go visit and try to be normal and happy. Sometimes what we need most is just a friend to play or watch TV with us.
- Just listen. It can help to have a friend to talk with during a difficult time.
- Make your own card or gift.
 - Frame a picture of you and your friend.
 - Frame a special Bible verse.
 - Make a special craft to remind your friend of happy times.
- Make a special meal, or a favorite treat.

Luke 10:25-37

Parable of the Good Samaritan

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall 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 your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

