

# Doing Good to Others

Lesson Scripture: 2 Kings 4:8-17

**Bible Truth:** I will do good things for others.

**Bible Story:** 2 Kings 4:8-17

**Bible Verse:** “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” (Galatians 6:10, NIV)

## FOCUS

### Learning Activity: “Being a Good Friend”

#### Preparation

A week prior to this lesson, ask two older children or teens to practice this skit and prepare to present it to the class.

**Materials**  
2 copies of the skit

#### Presentation

Say: **John and Mary are in Sunday school class together. They both love Jesus and enjoy learning everything they can about the Bible. They also go to the same school. One day, John sees Mary crying on the playground.**

MARY: (She doesn't say anything, just sits on the floor crying.)

JOHN: Mary, what's wrong?

MARY: Lunch was awful today!

JOHN: You are crying over food? I could have shared my sandwich with you.

MARY: I'm not upset about the food. It's what the girls at my table said to me.

JOHN: What happened?

MARY: They asked what I did this weekend, so I told them all about church and our Sunday school lesson.

JOHN: Oh, cool! Mrs. Jones is a great teacher. I loved our class this week.

MARY: Me too! But the other girls started making fun of me because I go to church. They said that it was silly to believe in Jesus, and they didn't want to be with someone who did. Then they asked me to leave their table. I had to eat the rest of my lunch all alone.

JOHN: That's awful. I am so sorry. You can eat lunch with me tomorrow, and I will help you pray that those girls learn to love Jesus too. Maybe we will have a chance to share the story of Jesus' love with them one day.

MARY: Thanks John. You are a good friend.

Say: **John did something good for Mary by being a friend to her. We are going to learn today that God wants us to do good things for others, especially other Christians.**

## **SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Galatians 6:10**

### **Preparation**

Write Galatians 6:10 on the poster board.

Cut enough small pieces of paper that children will be able to use them to tape over the words of the verse.

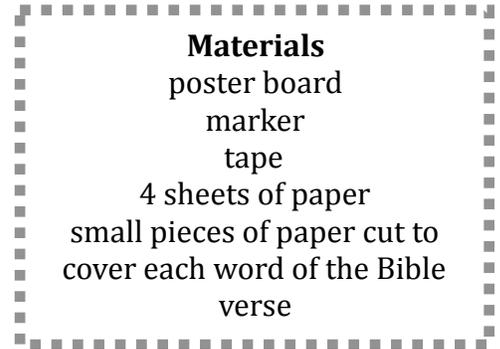
### **Explanation**

Read Galatians 6:10 with the children.

Say: **This Bible verse says that we should "do good"** (underline the phrase). **The way we do good to others is by helping them or saying kind words to them. Each week, God gives us many opportunities to do good to others. To whom does this Bible verse tell us to do good?** Allow children to respond. **Yes, we should do good to "all people"** (underline this phrase). **It also tells us that we should especially help those who belong to the "family of believers"** (underline this phrase). **What does this phrase mean?** Allow children to respond. **Yes, Jesus wants us to always remember to do good for other Christians.**

### **Memorization Activity**

Allow children to take turns taping small pieces of paper over the words of the Bible verse. If you have a small group of children, allow each child to cover more than one word. After each word is covered, read the verse together. This repetition will help the children to learn the verse.



## **INSTRUCT**

### **Bible Story: "Elisha and the Shunammite Woman," 2 Kings 4:8-17**

#### **Preparation**

Read and study 2 Kings 4:8-17.

Choose four children to help you tell this story. They will represent the characters of Elisha, his servant, the woman, and the woman's husband. Ask them to put on the costumes and use the props to act out the story as you tell it.

**Materials**  
Bible  
4 Bible costumes  
small table and chairs  
real or pretend food  
tools, such as a hammer and  
screwdriver  
small doll

#### **Presentation**

Tell the Bible story while your helpers act it out.

Say: **Elisha was a prophet of God. He traveled through different places teaching the people to love and serve the true God. One day, Elisha and his servant arrived in a town called Shunem. A rich woman and her husband lived in that town. They had many servants, but didn't have children. When the woman saw Elisha and his servant, she invited them to eat at her house. She knew that Elisha was a prophet of God. Woman pretends to feed the three men.**

**From that moment on, Elisha would stop at her house every time he visited the city of Shunem. He and his servant would rest in that place, and the woman would prepare food for them.**

**One day when Elisha went to visit the woman, she told her husband, "Since the prophet Elisha comes here so frequently, we should build him a room. We can put a table, a candle holder, a bed, and a chair in it. That way, he can rest in that room every time he visits." Her husband liked the idea, and they built a special room for Elisha and his servant.** Have the two children playing the man and the woman pretend to build a room with tools. Then they can put the small table and chairs in it.

**The next time Elisha stopped by their place, he was surprised and pleased with the room that this woman and her husband had prepared for him. He wanted to repay them for their kindness and help. "You have been so good to us that we would like to do something for you," Elisha told the woman. "Is there anything you want me to tell the king or the army's captain?" "No," said the woman. "We have all we need because we live among our own people."**

**But Elisha wanted to do something for her to repay her for their help. He asked his servant, "What can I do for this woman?" The servant told him, "They are older people, but they don't have any children." Elisha knew what he needed to do. He prayed and asked God to give this woman a son as a reward for her kindness and help.** Give the doll to the child pretending to be the woman.

**How surprised this woman must have been when she heard the prophet telling her that she would soon have a son! How happy she must have been to have helped the prophet of God!**

Discuss the following questions with the children:

How did the woman do something good for Elisha and his servant?

How did Elisha repay her?

## **APPLICATION**

### **Learning Activity: Art, "Thank-You Cards"**

#### **Preparation**

Gather supplies

#### **Presentation**

**Say: I am going to give you an opportunity to do something good for another Christian, just like the woman in our story. We have several people in our church that work hard to teach us about Jesus.**

Mention the pastor, Sunday school teachers, etc. **We are going to make thank you cards for them.**

Provide children with paper, crayons, and other supplies that they can use to make cards. If you teach younger children, you may need to write sample phrases on a whiteboard for them to copy onto their cards.

#### **Materials**

paper  
crayons or markers  
any other card making  
supplies you have  
available

## **MINISTRY TIME**

#### **Preparation**

Prepare a diagram to be used during the activity: divide a large piece of paper into two columns. Name each one of the columns: Who? and How?

#### **Presentation**

**Say: There are many ways that we can do good to others. Let's write down the names of some people who we can do good to this week and how we can help them.** Allow children to give suggestions and write them in the appropriate column. Some examples include:  
Mom, help

#### **Materials**

large piece of paper  
marker  
small piece of paper for  
each child

clean the house; brothers and sisters, play with them; lonely child at school, invite them to play with me, etc. Pass out paper and pencils and invite each child to write down the name of someone they will do good to this week and what they plan to do. Younger children can draw pictures instead of writing words. When they are finished, pray as a group that God will help each of them to remember this commitment.

## **BONUS: SERVICE PROJECT**

### **Preparation**

Plan a lunch for elderly church members. You can use some of the time in class to prepare the invitations and decorations.

### **Presentation**

Say: **Do you remember what the memorization verse tells us to do? Yes, anytime there is an opportunity, we should be kind to everyone, but especially to those who are Christians. Do you want to show kindness towards the elderly members in our congregation by serving them lunch?**

Allow the children to prepare the invitations that list the day, time, and place for the lunch. Each child should have the responsibility to hand out the invitations he/she has made.

The children can also decorate the tablecloths and make table decorations, if time allows.