

# *PARENT'S DISCUSSION GUIDE*

## *JESUS' PARABLES*

### *The Good Samaritan – Luke 10:29-37*

- Read Luke 10:29-37 and/or watch the “creative story telling” video using the link provided.
- **Discuss with your kids the following truths:**
  - PARABLES = An earthly story with a heavenly meaning
  - Jesus used the story (parable) of the Good Samaritan to answer the question, “who is my neighbor?” Jesus is making a very clear point here: everyone the Lord puts in your path that needs the love of Christ is your neighbor. If we think about this truth we realize that the world is filled with people the Lord has called us to help!
  - Another truth this parable illustrates is that many people often ignore those around them who are hurting (priest, Levite). When we look around our world today we see plenty of people who need help, too often even Christians are unwilling to show God’s love and compassion to them.
  - When Jesus finished his story he asked a question, “Which of these three was a neighbor to the hurt man?” The reason Jesus asked this question was to make his hearers (and us today) think about how well we are showing the love of God to people around us.
- **Questions:**
  - First question: Who is my neighbor? How do you answer this question based on the parable in Luke 10? Why did you answer the way you did?
  - Why do you think the priest and Levite walked around the hurting man? Why didn’t they stop and help him?
  - In what ways did the Samaritan help the man? How can you show real, practical love and compassion to people around you?