

MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

OASIS KIDS AT HOME EARLY CHILDHOOD | JANUARY 17TH



NOTE FOR PARENTS

Hi Parents!

Many would consider a man named Bennie Newton a modern-day Good Samaritan. During the Los Angeles riots of 1992, he left his home in the area to see what he could do to help. He came upon a man being beaten almost to death. According to multiple news reports, as well as the victim's account of the event, Bennie Newton laid himself across the barely breathing body of Fidel Lopez and said, "You're going to have to kill me, too." The rioters backed off and Mr. Newton ended up driving Mr. Lopez to the hospital himself when emergency vehicles were unable to get to the area. Bennie Newton was a pastor. But prior to meeting Jesus, he had served time for armed robbery and drug dealing. He was someone many people might have considered unworthy or beyond hope. But he had found grace and mercy in Jesus and spent the rest of his life offering it to others. The religious law expert in this week's Bible passage posed a question to Jesus: "Who is my neighbor?" He wanted an easy answer about which groups of people he would be required to show mercy. But Jesus knew there was a different lesson to be learned.

Rather than thinking about which people qualify as our neighbors, we should be seeking how to show God's mercy to anyone and everyone God puts in our paths. Look for practical ways to be a Good Samaritan this week. You just might find that there are opportunities God will use you to show his love and mercy everywhere you turn if you are looking for them.

Lord, open our Oasis parents' eyes to see how each person you have placed in their path, is an opportunity to show someone your grace and love. May you open up conversations for parents to have with their kids about showing love and grace to others. Amen.

OASIS KIDS CHURCH AT HOME

- 1. Watch the video together! Click here to watch!
 - Parent tip: Sing and do the worship song motions along with your child! Don't be afraid to look silly. They are learning how to engage in worshipping God by watching you.
- 2. Discuss the Talk it Over Questions Below
- 3. Pray together at the end!
 - Parent tip: We've included a prayer for you to pray with your child below. You can say,
 "repeat after me" and have them repeat the phrases. Than you can ask them if they would
 like to pray and talk to God using their own words. There's no one right way to pray! Use
 this time to talk to God together with your child.

TALK IT OVER

- 1. What was your favorite part of the video we just watched?
- 2. Who helped the injured man in the Bible story?

Answer: The Good Samaritan helped the man!

3. How can you help people?

Answer: Praying for them, asking people what they need and getting it for them, bringing water and food to someone who doesn't have any, bringing a band-aid or icepack to someone who has a cut/scrape on their knee, etc.

Remember to talk to an adult you trust who can help you help other people!

PRAYER

God, thank You that You say WE are YOUR masterpiece. Thank you for teaching me how I can help people. Show me someone who I can help, so that I can show them your love when I help them. I love You!

Amen!

