

Sunday School Home Activities - Week of June 21, 2020

Check out some of the activities you and your families can do at home this week!



Watch this week's Deep Blue Sunday School Video: Click the link below to watch the Deep Blue Connects Summer 2020 videos. This week is Summer Episode 3 (E3: Communities Live Together).
<https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/series/unitedmethodistpublishinghouse/35799-deep-blue-connects-adventure-summer-2020>



LUKE 10:25-37
WHO IS OUR COMMUNITY?
Summer 2020 Series #1



Try this Family Devotion with your family!

Read: Who Is Our Community? (Luke 10:25-37)

Bible Story Focus: We are to treat all people as if they were our neighbors.

Wonder Together: Who is your neighbor?

Memory Verse: "Now faith, hope, and love remain – these three things – and the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13)

Pray Together: Share joys and concerns, and then pray, Dear God, thank you for loving us with an amazing love that will never end. Help us to remember to share your love with other people. Amen.

Ages 5–Grade 2

Hear and See the Bible Story

SAY: Today our Bible story is a parable Jesus told about neighbors.

• Tell the children the story, "The Good Samaritan" (Luke 10:25-37). Refer to the Background for this Week's Bible Story at the end of the Sunday School activities.

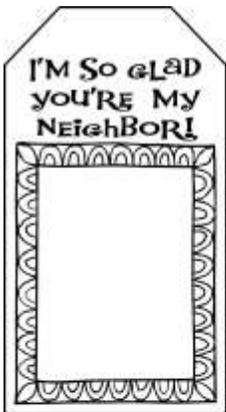
ASK: Who is your neighbor?

- Watch the Deep Blue Adventure for Summer Session 3 on amplifymedia.com.
- Act out the story. Take turns playing different roles.

PRAY: Dear God, we are so thankful for one another. Help us to remember to love our neighbors. Amen.

Who Are Your Neighbors? - Art

- Give everyone play dough or clay in a variety of colors.
- Encourage everyone to create a neighborhood like the one where you live.
- Encourage everyone to create figures of the people who live around them.



Neighbor Gift S'mores

- Have each person make two gift tags similar to those pictured.
- Give each person two small zip-top bags, 2 full graham crackers, 2 large marshmallows, and a full chocolate bar.
- Break each graham cracker in half and place two halves in each bag. Then break the chocolate bar in half and place one in each bag along with one large marshmallow.
- Press or slide the zip-top bags closed.
- Tape their "Neighbor Gift S'mores" tags to the filled plastic bags and give them to your neighbors as gifts.

Doctors and Nurses - Dramatic Play

- Gather stuffed animals as well as pretend medical supplies and tools.
- Pretend to be doctors and nurses taking care of their stuffed animal patients.

Blessing

• Sit in a circle. One at a time, invite each person to come to the center.

SAY: (Name), you are a blessing to us. May God bless you this week.

• Continue until each person has come to the center.

PRAY: God, you have given us the stories and teachings of Jesus to be our foundations. Please help us to remember them and to build upon them as we grow. Amen.



Grades 3-5

Hear and See the Bible Story

SAY: Today, we're exploring a story about neighbors.

- Read the Bible story together (Luke 10:25-37).
- Watch the Deep Blue Adventure for Summer Session 3 on amplifymedia.com.

SAY: Today, we learned about showing love for our neighbors.

ASK: Who is your neighbor?

PRAY: Dear God, help each one of us to show love for our neighbors, and bless us with loving neighbors as well. Amen.

Emergency Situation Flashcards

Write these statements on an index card or small piece of paper:

- Someone scraped his or her knee.
- A neighbor is unconscious.
- Two kids are fighting on the playground.
- Someone fell down. He or she is awake, but can't get up.
- There is a fire.
- Someone fell and broke his or her arm.

SAY: Our Bible story tells about a man who helped another man who was in an emergency situation.

ASK: Did you know that calling for help is one of the most important things kids can do in an emergency situation?

SAY: Let's do some flashcards and talk about who we would call in certain emergency situations.

- Show each card and talk about who to call.

TIPS: Remind the children that calling 911 is only for serious emergency situations. If the children are having trouble deciding who to call in certain situations or if they are choosing the wrong person, help them out.

Mini First Aid Kits - Service

Gather adhesive bandages, alcohol pads, antiseptic ointment packets, and sandwich or snack bags.

SAY: Our Bible story is about a man who helps a neighbor who is injured. Let's make something to help our neighbors when they have small injuries.

- Have everyone form an assembly line.
- Depending on the number of items you have available, divide them among the bags.
- Donate the Mini Kits to Faith United's Faith Kitchen Meal Ministry.

Adapted from Deep Blue Connects Loving God, Loving God, Loving Neighbor, Summer 2020 Older Elementary Session 3

Nursery, Toddlers and Preschool



Acts 4:32-37 **Hear the Bible Story**

SAY: People who believed in Jesus were called "Christians." They shared everything together. They took care of one another, lived close to one another, and worshipped God with one another.

SAY: No one said, "That's mine!" and took something away from a friend.

SAY: No one said, "I won't help you!" when someone was in need.

SAY: The Christians shared food. They shared money. They shared houses. The Christians shared everything!

SAY: People who believe in Jesus are asked to share everything they have with others.

"I Can Share" Handprint Painting

Write the words "I Can Share" on a piece of paper for each person. Gather washable paint, paper plates, smocks or large T-shirts, and baby wipes.

- Pour washable paint onto a paper plate.
- Paint one hand, then stamp the your handprint on the paper with the words "I Can Share."



SAY: (Child's name), God loves you. God blesses you. God is always with you. Amen.

PRAY: Dear God, help us share with our family. Amen.

Adapted from Deep Blue Nursery, Summer 2020 Session 3



WHO IS YOUR
NEIGHBOR?



Background for this Week's Elementary Ages Bible Story:

A legal expert wanted to test Jesus. He asked Jesus what he needed to do to gain eternal life. Rather than answering the question directly, Jesus employed an effective teaching strategy. He answered the question with a question. "What do you think?" In answering, the legal expert quoted the commandment found in Deuteronomy 6:5: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind." He went on to add, "and love your neighbor as yourself," an instruction found in Leviticus 19:18. Jesus was satisfied with the answer, but the legal expert not willing to leave well enough alone, asked another question: "And who is my neighbor?" In Jesus' time (not unlike today) there were societal conventions regarding how different groups were to treat each other. There were rules to follow about how Jews should treat Gentiles or Samaritans, how men should treat women, and so forth. In asking for a definition of neighbor, the legal expert was asking for Jesus' interpretation of these rules of societal behavior. Jesus answered by telling a story.

After telling the story of the good Samaritan, Jesus asks, "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man?" The lawyer, of course, responds, "The one who demonstrated mercy toward him." Jesus' response to the lawyer continues to challenge us today, "Go and do likewise." The story of the good Samaritan is, perhaps, one of the most familiar of Jesus' parables. As you teach your children the lesson of the good Samaritan, be aware of the issue of safety. While encouraging children to be good neighbors and to help those who are in need, remind them to be safe. For children, this often means requesting adult assistance.

Adapted from Deep Blue Connects Loving God, Loving God, Loving Neighbor, Summer 2020 Early Elementary Session 3

Family Activities for All Ages:

- **Resources for Talking about Race and Racism with Children:**

- The info graphic was created by Children Community School. Click this link to learn more: <http://www.childrencommunityschool.org/social-justice-resources/>
- Christine Hides, UMC Deacon and Christian Educator, shares several helpful resources on her blog, Bless Each One. https://christinehides.com/2020/06/01/talking-about-race-and-racism-with-children/?fbclid=IwAR37sfeW5cd7ts5kvgRR4S71CY93TV_UJZOy3vTwRBsF5o0H2Z4zPU9a_uA
- Deep Blue Life: Faith and Culture is designed to teach children about empathy, culture, race, and prejudice. This resource includes three sessions titled "Prejudice and Stereotypes," "Curiosity and Empathy," and "Colors and Cultures." Cokesbury is making this resource available for free at this link: <https://www.cokesburykids.com/free-resources/church-at-home/deep-blue-life-faith-and-culture>
- Wendy Claire Barrie, author of Faith at Home shares this resource - <https://wendyclairebarrie.com/2017/08/23/talking-with-our-children-about-race/?fbclid=IwAR3bOPPHDDAQ1Bm7Xl5BVbB5UjBKHm0GofNf337dsbZQ314cPMxaaW5Kpqc>
- Parent Toolkit shares this article previously published June 2019. https://www.parenttoolkit.com/social-and-emotional-development/advice/social-awareness/how-to-talk-to-kids-about-race-and-racism?fbclid=IwAR1NotKm_YggylkLUG5hKjGOPYTe3-l8xa4gUSktEbqA1t4hYM6PpDRJmYM
- Sesame Street Racism Town Hall - <https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/06/app-news-section/cnn-sesame-street-race-town-hall-app-june-6-2020-app/index.html>



- **Rocky Railway VBS Online** begins Monday, June 21. Check out the VBS videos on Faith United's website. Email kschmucker@faithumchurch.org for more information!
- **Look for God Sightings**, looking for our good God in the world! Share the God Sightings you find with us. <https://www.myfaithunited.org/god-sightings-looking-for-hope-during-the-pandemic/>
- Send a card to 3 people this week to let them know you are thinking of them and praying for them.
- **Pray the LORD'S PRAYER** each day at noon. Create a video of your family praying the Lord's Prayer that we could share as encouragement for others. Let me know if you are interested!
- **Participate in a church-wide Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Mosaic Coloring Project!** We are looking for 5 more persons to participate in a church-wide Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Mosaic Coloring Project. Let Kathy know if you are interested! This is a fun way to participate in a church activity together, even though we are physically apart!
- Use, individually or as a family, the worship and devotional resources you will receive connected with Sunday's Worship by Wire and Wednesday Night Faith Connections and Sunday School. Share with others! Visit our website for updated resources: <https://www.myfaithunited.org/worship-by-wire/>

Father's Day

God has given us fathers and other special men in our lives. They have an important job to love us, to teach us about God, to encourage us, and to help us grow in our faith. We set aside this day to thank them for all they do for us and to thank God for giving us people in our lives who encourage us and help us grow in faith. Try the following activities to honor the special men in your life:



Father's Day Portrait Collage: <https://www.cokesburykids.com/blog/fathers-day-craft-2020>

In my FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same one) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.

A WORD COLLAGE FOR Dad

Create this artwork to express your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers (or foam letters and glue)

What you do:

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his titles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange words in a crossword style, both horizontally and vertically.
3. When you have a design you like, stick the words onto the blank canvas or board.
4. Present the gift to your dad or another special man on Father's Day. He'll enjoy this reminder of your love and appreciation.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



My dad's name is _____

Dad's favorite color is _____

Dad really likes to _____

Dad's favorite food is _____

My dad is really great at _____

My dad cooks the best _____

Dad's favorite game is _____

I like it when my dad _____

I'm thankful that my dad _____

I love you dad because _____

MY DAD'S PICTURE



I LOVE YOU DAD!