

ADVOCATES

PARENT GUIDE

LESSON 8.1: LOVE
SCRIPTURE: LUKE 10:25-37

SUMMARY:

Love is an essential part of the human experience. And it's also the core of Christianity. In this week's reading, when Jesus was asked how to receive eternal life His response was to love. Love God and love your neighbor. The important aspects of this story are who ignored the man and who helped him. Now, the phrase "good Samaritan" is well-known and used in our culture, but most probably don't know who the Samaritans actually were. These people were despised by the Jews.

What does this teach us about love? Well, love *doesn't* ignore people in need. True love reaches across religion, race, culture, and social status. True love, exemplified by Jesus, goes beyond our friends and families to strangers, outsiders, and even our enemies. We are called to have empathy, show kindness, and treat others with dignity. Ultimately, as we demonstrate sacrificial love to others, they will be drawn to the love of God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week's lesson.
- How did this lesson challenge you?
- To whom do you need to demonstrate love, even if it's difficult?
- What are the needs of the people around you? How can you help them?
- Describe your next steps based on what you've learned. How can I help?