

Family Time with God Week 6_Honest Conversations

YOU WILL NEED: No items needed

Read Luke 10:25-37 from your Bible.

Ask your child to help you act out the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37). This is a lot of fun because there are robbers, a man who is beaten and left half-dead, others who pass by, the Samaritan who helps the hurt man, and of course, the donkey on which the Samaritan put the man. Dad always makes a great donkey! Have fun acting out the story.

BIG QUESTIONS

ASK: What do you think we can learn from this story?

SAY: Did you know that the Jews (like the man on the road in the story) and the Samaritans (who were a mixed race of Jews and other cultures) were enemies? The Samaritan man was helping someone he didn't know who probably would have treated him badly if he hadn't been hurt.

ASK: Do you have any enemies or people who don't like you? Why do you think they don't like you?

ASK: Are there people that you don't like? Why don't you like them?

ASK: Does anyone ever pick on you?

ASK: What are some things people say to you that hurts your feeling?

ASK: How can you show God's love to people who treat you badly?

ASK: What does it mean to have "compassion"? (To care for someone else, to feel their hurt, even if they are different from you.)

ASK: Who are some other people that you can help and what could you do to help them? (Your parents, teachers, friends, relatives, etc.)

SAY: I have a few more questions for you and I want you to be totally honest.

ASK: When you have a problem who is the first person you talk to about it? (Don't be surprised or upset if your student indicates that he talks to his friends first. The older your student is, the more likely this is true. Many Christian preteens indicate that their friends are first people they turn to when they have a problem.)

ASK: Why do usually go to this person first?

SAY: I want you to know that I'm always here for you when you have a problem. You can talk to me about anything.

ASK: Is there anything about me that you would like to ask—any question at all?

PRAY—Take Prayer Requests and pray together...