



## Hi Oasis Kids Parents!

Parables are stories that Jesus told us to help better understand how He wants us to live. By looking at the Parables we can learn together with our kids how to live the lifestyle of Jesus! The Parable of the Good Samaritan was told to help explain that we should show love and care about everyone. We can show others we care about them through our words and actions. Take some time to review the following questions with your child this week to reinforce that we can make the choice to care about the people around us just like the Good Samaritan.

1. **Read** the Bible story with your child: Luke 10:30-37
2. **Talk it over with your child** using the below questions:
3. **Go further by watching the lesson video:** (Click on the Lesson Title to watch!)

Preschool & Kindergarten Lesson Video

Elementary Lesson Video

## Preschool Conversation Starters:

1. Does God care about us?
2. Who should we care about?
3. How can we show love to the people around us?

Activity to do together: Pray together and ask God to bring one of your child's mind. Have them make a card for their neighbor to encourage them and make them smile. Ideas might be: I'm praying for you! Or I hope that you have a nice day! Or God loves you so much! Go slide it under their front door or put it in their mailbox! You could even make cards for all your neighbors! Take a photo of you and your child doing whatever your idea is together, #OasisChurchAtHome and tag @oasisla!

## Elementary Conversation Starters:

1. What does showing mercy look like?  
*Answer: Mercy means to show kindness to others instead of harm. Mercy is not deserved, but it is freely given. When we show kindness to others, we are sharing Jesus' love with them.*
2. What does a "good Samaritan" look like today?  
*Answer: Samaritans were people who were looked down upon by the Jewish people. Even though Jewish leaders passed the Jewish man first, only the Samaritan treated him with love. Today, we can be good Samaritans when we choose to love people no matter who they are or what they look like.*
3. Caring for others can be really difficult. How can you show difficult people God's love this week?  
*Answer: Loving people is a choice that we make each day. If we want to be like Jesus and live lives that honor Him, then we need to love others the way He loves us. Jesus, like the good Samaritan, cares for everyone who needs it and that is what He is asking us to do too.*
4. How can you use your words to show those around you that you care about them?  
*Answer: If you are not sure how to care for others, you can always ask Jesus what He would do if He were you. Sometimes people just need you to listen to them, at other times they might need prayer or an encouraging word. Ask God to help you use your words to spread love to others.*
5. Describe a time when someone showed that they cared about you. How did that make you feel?  
*Answer: Everyone wants to be loved. The Bible encourages us to love others the way we would like to be loved. If you are not sure how to care for others, think about what you would want someone to do for you if you were in need and then start there.*

Activity to do together: There are a lot of people who are hurting, struggling, feeling anxious and above all need Jesus this week! Pray together with your child and ask the Holy Spirit to help you come up with a creative idea on how to show love and care (safely!) with those around you. This could be picking up groceries for an elderly neighbor or writing a card for a neighbor and leaving it on their door telling them that you are praying for them. Take a photo of you and your child doing whatever your idea is together, #OasisChurchAtHome and tag @oasisla!