

August 22-23, 2020

Bible Story: Proximity: Jesus and the Leper (Mark 1:40-45, Luke 5:12-13)

Big Idea: Open your life to others.

Bible Verse: Mark 1:41

Watch the teaching video on Grace Kids' YouTube page or read the story in a Bible. Then choose a few activities below based on your child's age/ability level.

- Start with a game about similarities/differences. Today we're focusing on connecting with others. Let's see what we have in common. Who in your family likes salty versus sweet snacks? Who likes to stay up late? Who has never broken a bone? Who likes to read? Who loves vegetables? See what's the same or different about each of you!
- Review the Bible story. Have everyone in your family find costume pieces and act out the story together. Then discuss: What was wrong with the man in our story? Why was he alone? How would you feel if you were the man with leprosy? What did Jesus do when He met the man? Why was it a big deal that Jesus got close to him and touched him? How would it feel to be able to be in community again after all that time alone?
- Practice opening your life to others. We can end people's isolation, whether they need a friend or we do, just by opening up our lives to others. Sometimes that can be scary, so start at home. Take turns asking your family members questions to learn things you don't already know about them. Or, call a friend or extended family member and ask them some questions. If you need ideas, look at the question card provided. You can print this to carry with you and remind you to get to know others in your community this week.
- Try to memorize the Big Idea. Say the Big Idea together a few times & make up motions. Write words of the Big Idea verse on pieces of paper. Create an obstacle course and place one of the papers after each obstacle. Have your child complete the course and collect all of the papers, then have them put the words in order and say it again.
- Go deeper. Look up other Bible passages about building relationships. 1 John 4:7, Philippians 2:4, Hebrews 10:25a (first sentence). Discuss:
 - What do you see here about how we are to treat each other?
 - How would our relationships be different if we acted this way?
 - How would this help end loneliness and isolation?
- Don't forget the family Hope Month challenge! Send a card to a foster or LIFT family this week to let them know they're not alone. (more info at gracechurch.us/hope)