

## LESSON 3 • Share/Serve

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## 1 Key Concepts

- Share/Serve as God's steward.
- Teach the children the story of the generosity of the Macedonian Christians.
- Teach the children that as Christ has loved us we are to love our neighbor.
- Teach the children about how to be a good neighbor.

## 2 Teacher Preparation

- Be ready to read the story of the Macedonian Christians from the bible. **2 Corinthians 8:1-5**.
- Have the children look this up in their bibles.
- Be ready to write down ideas on the board of service projects your class could do together.

## 3 Lesson

- Read the story of The Macedonian Christians from the bible.
- Talk to the children about the Macedonians and their generosity.
  - What did the Macedonians have?
  - What does it mean to be generous?
- What was the situation for the Macedonian Christians?
  - Why would they care for their neighbor's needs when they had their own needs?
  - What kinds of needs do we see around us?
  - How can we care for our neighbor's needs?
  - What does it mean to give beyond our means?
  - Why is it important to be generous and to share?
- All people are our neighbors.
  - God wants us to take care of those in need, even as He takes care of us in Christ.
  - What are some ways we can do that?
- God wants us to use our resources to help others.
  - Some of us have been given plenty.
  - Some of us do not have much.
- God wants us to use our resources and abilities to help those around us.
  - Maybe it is giving someone a ride to church, or taking out your elderly neighbor's garbage.
  - God wants us to help others like the Macedonians did.
- What are some ways that we can help others in our church or our community?
  - Let's come up with some ideas for ways we can serve others as a class.
  - Then we will pick one thing to do.



**Luke 10:27**

*He answered:  
 "Love the Lord your God  
 with all your heart  
 and with all your soul  
 and with all your strength  
 and with all your mind',  
 and, 'Love your neighbor  
 as yourself.'"*

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### 4 Conclusion

Jesus loves us and saves us. He helps us in our need. He wants us to help those in need, whether we know them or not. God has given each of us resources and gifts that we can use to help others.

### 5 Echo Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for all of the gifts you have given us especially the gift of Jesus. Thank you for giving us the story of the Macedonian Christians. Help us to be good neighbors. Thank you for being such a giving God. Amen.

### 6 Resources

- **Bible**
- <http://dltk-bible.com/jesus/samaritan-activities.htm>  
This site has anagrams, crossword puzzles and word searches on the Good Samaritan.
- [http://dltk-bible.com/jesus/parables\\_4-puzzle.htm](http://dltk-bible.com/jesus/parables_4-puzzle.htm)  
This is a puzzle of the bible verse in this lesson.
- **Turner Banks, Jacqueline. Project Wheels.**  
Angela and her friends raise money to help a classmate buy a wheelchair.
- **Scholastic Children's Dictionary**

### 7 Vocabulary

**Neighbor:** another human being, someone who lives next door to you or near to you.

### 8 Activity

Come up with a service project that the whole class can do together.

