

Huddle Discussion Guide

for Children 7-12 years old

Hopekids Huddle Time (25-30 mins)

Big Point: Unfailing Love is Shown in Action!

God's Word: [The Parable of the Good Samaritan](#) (Luke 10: 25-37)

Memory Verse: This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 1 John 3:16 (NIRV)

Life Question: What are some things I can do to show my LOVE?

Preacher's/Teachers' Note: God's love is always shown in action. When Jesus was on earth, He never shied away from helping people, even when it means inconvenience for us. As His followers, we should follow His example and do likewise, choosing to lend a helping hand whenever the need arises. Love is not just a feeling, but is shown in action and commitment.

BEFORE SESSION: Huddle leaders are to collect Huddle Guide Material Box from respective cabinet/storage area and ensure there are enough working stationery.

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Welcome - huddle leaders/ volunteers to welcome NEW kids

Address them by name and affirm how their presence is important and valuable! Get other children to say hello to new kids! :)

Inform NEW kids that you would like to visit him/ her, take a group photo with NEW kids **(DO NOT POST in social media, for internal use ONLY)**

Huddle Activity 1 - Discussion (15 mins)

(Leaders: ensure you went through these questions beforehand and have some answers)

Welcome to the very last week of Unfailing Love, HopeKids! :D

Today is the last of the week where we are learning about God's Unfailing Love through short stories that Jesus told people when He was still on earth.

Does anyone remember what is the name of these short stories? It starts with the letter 'P'!
(Pa-ra-ble. Parable!)

That's right, parable! :)

Today, we learnt a very simple story that I think quite a lot of you are familiar with! Let's test your memories and understanding.

1. Why did Jesus start telling this parable?
→ Some of the expert of the Law (people who really study the Word of God a lot, a lot) were asking Jesus, what must they do to get eternal life and live forever and ever
2. However, if they are EXPERTS and people who study the Word of God, won't they kind of know what to do? Are they asking because they really want to know or do they have other reasons to ask Jesus? → They were said to be trying to trick or test Jesus.
3. Why would they do that? (Open-ended)
4. You know Jesus actually told them the Great Commandment based on 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.'" What do you think that looks like? (Open-ended)
5. (Comment accordingly) Okay but with that, Jesus decided to illustrate how do love your neighbour with his parable, which you would know. Why don't you recount the first half for me?
→ There was a Jewish man who was on the way to Jericho
→ He got attacked by robbers and was left to die at the side of the road
6. Alright, at this point, who came along? → A priest
Was a priest known to follow after God? → Yes
If he follows God, and does what God commands to love others, should he have helped the injured man? → Yes, but he did not help, instead to cross to the other side.
7. Alright, who passed by next? → A Levite, a person who works in the temple
Same thing, was a Levite known to follow after God? → Yes
If he follows God, and does what God commands to love others, should he have helped the injured man? → Yes, but he did not help, instead to cross to the other side.
8. Then who passed by next? → A Samaritan
Do the Jews like Samaritans? → No, they look down on Samaritans as they are not fully Jews
Do you think Jews and Samaritans would usually be friends and be kind to each other? → No
But did he help the injured man? → Yes
How did he help the man? → Allow answer or prompt with following

Did he just make sure he was alive and home, or did he take care of the man all the way? → All the way, even at his own expense of time and money, put oil on his injuries, put him on his donkey and carry him to the inn so he can rest and recover and even paying for the room in the inn...

9. Did he truly love his neighbour? Even if it's someone he naturally would not be friends with? Did he make any excuses to not help the man?
10. Why do you think the Priest and the Levite did not help the injured man? How would you react if you were to see someone injured at the school corridors? Is it possible for you to react like the Priest/Levite even though you know you should help? Why? (Open-ended discussion, don't be afraid to receive how it might be awkward to be kind, very shy...)
11. At the end of the day, which of the three men would you want to be? The Priest, the Levite, or the Samaritan? Even if the Samaritan was looked down and disliked by the Jews...
12. When Jesus was on earth, was he willing to help those in need even if he would be judged by other people? What are some of these examples → (Allows answers. When Jesus healed lepers)

Huddle Activity 2 - Reflection 1+1 (10 mins)

Alright, that's a great discussion. I want all of you to take some time to do your Reflection 1 + 1!
Write down 1 thing you learnt of God's character today and 1 thing you would like to apply this week! .

Wrap up & Pray (5 mins)

(Leaders, are allowed to use their own words, these are for leaders who needs some guidance!)

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for loving us with your all and with action. Teach me to be more like you and more like the good Samaritan, not being afraid to be and do good when the need arises. I want to love my neighbours as You did and always help those in need. May I always choose Your example and an unfailing Love that shows itself in action.

Amen in Jesus' name.

(Pray in your own words - and commit their Reflection 1+1 to God too!)

Announcement & Pack Up (3 mins)

Huddle leaders to do any announcements for next week's kids service

AFTER SESSION: Huddle leaders are to clear any rubbish and keep Huddle Guide Material Box in respective cabinets/storage areas