

Pre-Lesson Downloads

#47 Fruit of the Spirit – Goodness

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Dear Families: This is a review of children's brain development in light of faith development. Children learn from families first, mostly through imitation. Children are born with billions of brain cells and synapses, connections, at birth and develop more for a few years. The brain begins to eliminate connections that are seldom used, which is normal. The "Window of Opportunity" for learning language/s can last up to 10 years. We want God's Love to be part of that language, as we instill a moral code and values from our loving God. This can help in a person's psychological development as well. The main focus is not "religion," but God's love and care. God Bless.

Bible Text:

Note: The Jews and Samaritans were neighbors who hated each other. Some think they were genetically related while others think the Samaritans had some Jewish blood but were "contaminated" by the blood and religions from mixed marriages with non-Jews. Whatever the truth of their actual heritage, the groups did not like each other, making this parable, a short story that teaches a moral or spiritual lesson, of The Good Samaritan hold more meaning. Jesus used many parables to teach the apostles and those who followed Him. The people of that time would have understood this parable in a deeper way. Also, there were many who tested Jesus to see if He spoke against the Law and Prophets. In Matthew 5:17-18 Jesus said very specifically, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished."

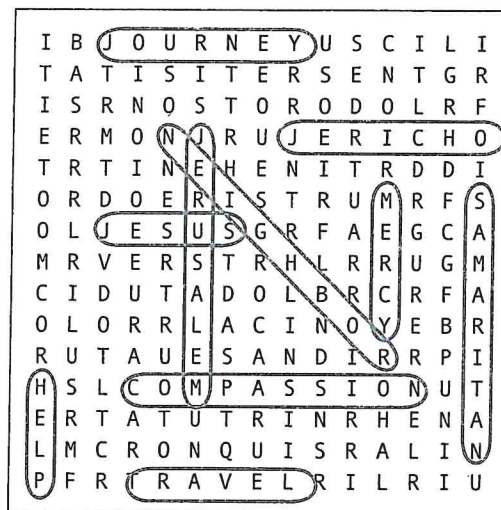
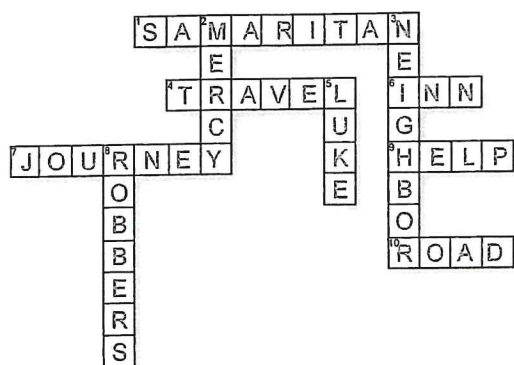
"Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus, 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You should love the Lord with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' And He said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"

Verse:

**Taste and see that the Lord is
good. Psalm 34:8**

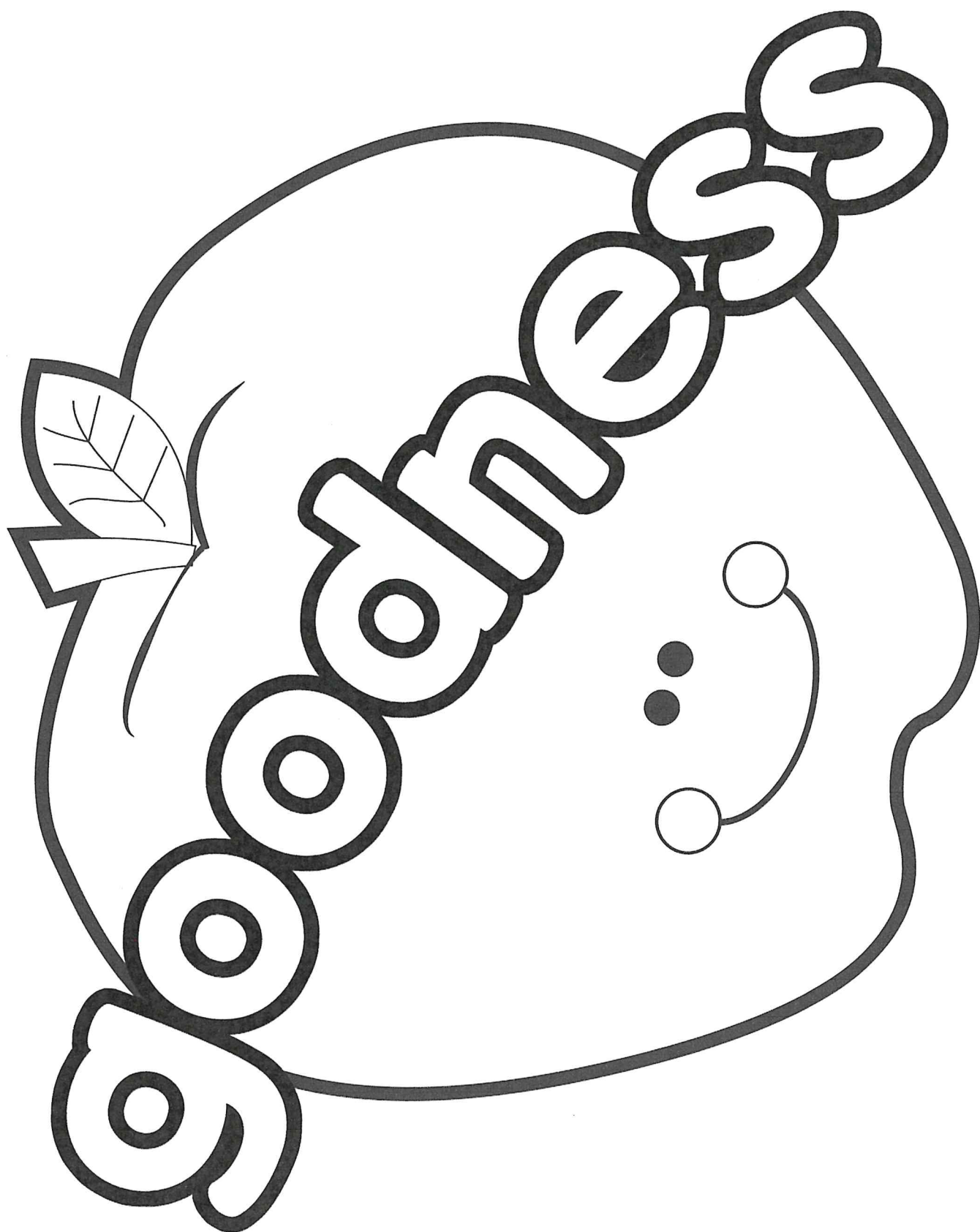
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*Good Samaritan Word Search and Crossword

Answers to Puzzles:



Verse Activity:





Goodness of God

Draw 4 pictures, one in each section, showing how you could show others God's goodness.

**TASTE AND SEE
THAT THE
LORD IS GOOD**

PSALM 34:8

Good Samaritan Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be right to left, up and down or diagonally.

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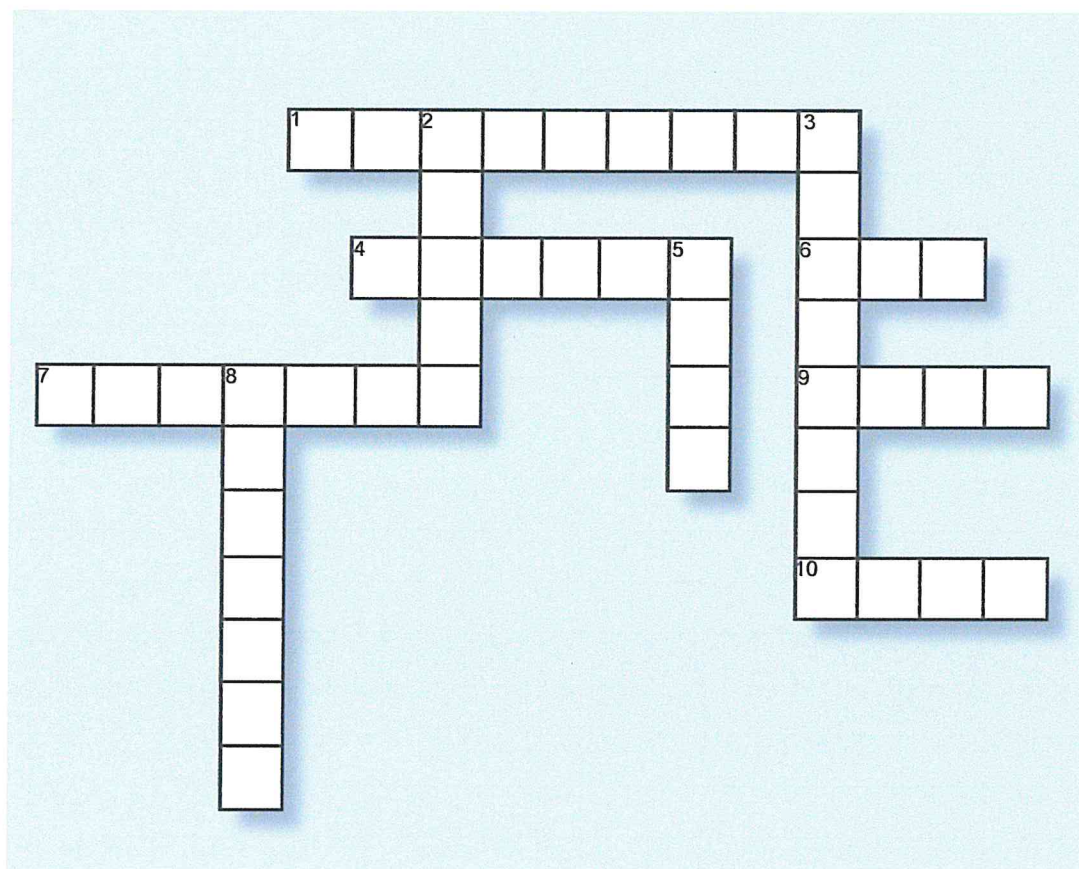
JERICHO
JERUSALEM

JESUS
JOURNEY

MERCY
NEIGHBOR

SAMARITAN
TRAVEL

The Good Samaritan Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. The Good _____
4. Go from one place to another
6. Another name for hotel
7. A trip
9. Give assistance or aid
10. Path, street, or highway

DOWN

2. Kindness or forgiveness
3. We should love our _____.
5. Book of the Bible
8. Thieves or bandits