

Play: Polo Pass

Split your family into two teams, giving each person a straw, the person at front a packet of Polo mints and a bowl at the start and finish. You need to pass the polo from one end of the line to the other only the straws, which must be held in the mouths of the players.

Play: Cat and mouse tag

Play a game of tag but have one person as the mouse and the other as the cat (chaser). Give the mouse person a head start of maybe 5 seconds to run and then let the cat go in to chase them. The game stops when the cat catches the mouse. Play again with a new cat/mouse. Cats and mice are seen as enemies just look at Tom and Jerry. Today we are looking at people we find difficult to get on with or love.

Watch: The good Samaritan <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=osfQg4yKtq8>

Read: The good Samaritan

When Jesus asked him what the Bible said, the lawyer answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus answered, "You are right. Do this and you will live." Then the lawyer, wanting to justify himself, asked Jesus another question. "Who is my neighbour?" he asked.

To answer this question, Jesus told a story about a man who was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho when he was attacked by robbers. They beat him, took his money, stripped him of his clothes, and left him beside the road to die.

A priest came by and when he saw the man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and continued on his way. A little while later, a Levite who worked in the temple came along. He also saw the man lying there and passed by on the other side of the road.

Finally, a man from Samaria came along, and when he saw the man, he stopped to help him. He put medicine on his wounds and wrapped them with bandages. That isn't all. He took the man to an inn and took care of him. The next day, he gave the innkeeper some money and told him to take care of the man. "Give him anything he needs. If it costs more than I have given you, I will pay you the next time I am here."

Then Jesus asked, "Which of these three men was a neighbour to the man who was attacked by the robbers?"

The lawyer answered, "The one who helped him."

"You are right," said Jesus, "now you go and do the same."

Jesus has told us to love our neighbour. If you have trouble knowing who your neighbour is, just remember the story of the Good Samaritan -- then you will know that every person is your neighbour and "A neighbour's a neighbour, no matter how small!"

Make: Paper chain people

Think about who is your neighbour the people you have in your family, your friends, people in your school and people in your church. Click on the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6seJAY298>

and make your own paper chain people designing them to look like your 'neighbours'. Hang it up somewhere in your home to remind you to pray for them and be a good neighbour just like the good samaritan in today's story.

Remember: Memory verse (Matthew 5:44)

"Love your enemies and pray for those who mistreat you." Matthew 5:44. Write out each word on a tiny slip of paper, push it inside a balloon and then blow the balloons up. Release the balloons into a room and pop them to find the words and put the verse together.

Pray:

Dear God, help us to love you with all our hearts and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves. Amen.