

# CREATE IT

## GOOD SAMARITAN CARDS

In this episode we explored Jesus' story about a Samaritan who interrupted his journey to care for someone he didn't know, someone who might have been his enemy. That's love that reaches out!

"Reaching-out love" is exactly what Jesus has for us and encourages us to have for others. Let's practice reaching out now—not by looking for someone who's been beaten and left for dead, but by encouraging someone who's feeling a bit beaten up by life. Perhaps it's a friend who's had a disappointment in class or at work. Or someone who's had a relationship fail. Or someone who's sick or lonely.

Whoever it is, you'll create a card for that person, and we'll figure out how to get it to the person you have in mind.

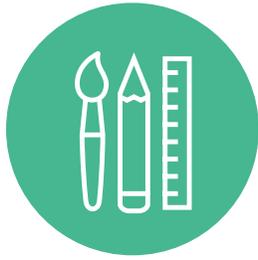
And, yes, this will be a card-in-the-mail card, not a quick text message. Why? Because cards and letters are so rare now that they make a lasting impression. Whoever receives your masterpiece will undoubtedly place it somewhere special. Can't do that with a text!

### Materials

- 8.5" x 11" printer paper
- #10 envelopes, 1 per person
- Markers, pens, pencils
- Forever Stamps—one per envelope
- Cell phone with WiFi access

### Directions

1. Ask participants to move apart from one another and sit in a comfortable position. (Note: If younger children are participating, have a teen or adult partner with them.)
2. Lead participants in asking God to bring to mind someone who needs to receive an encouraging card. It may be a friend, a family member, a public figure who's faced a public disappointment, even a stranger. Whoever comes to mind—that's who participants will create their cards for.



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3. Explain that completed cards must fit in the envelopes you've provided, but the "Good Samaritans" artists can design their cards however they'd like. A simple tri-fold design works well, but that's just one option.
4. Provide markers, pens, pencils, and whatever other art supplies you want to add.
5. The goal: To create cards that lovingly reach out with encouragement. That happens best when cards are personalized for their recipients and signed by the senders.
6. When cards are completed and tucked into envelopes, use the phone to look up addresses of recipients. If an envelope can be completed with an address and a return address or if a Good Samaritan promises to mail the card after finding the address, put a stamp on that envelope. If the card will be delivered in person, there's no need for a stamp.

As you're creating Good Samaritan Cards, talk about this:

- You're taking time to reach out through a card. Tell about a time you were too busy (or too afraid) to reach out to someone. What happened?
- Tell about a time you jumped in to reach out to a person who needed help. What happened?
- What's scary about reaching out to people in need? What can go wrong—and what can you do to keep it from going wrong?
- Some people easily accept help and others don't—they want to handle things themselves. How would your friends describe you in this regard? Why do you think you're the way you are?