

## Devotion #7

### The Good Samaritan

#### **GATHER THE PLAYERS AND HAVE THEM SETTLE**

#### **READ THE SCRIPTURE**

Jesus said, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him." Luke 10: 29-34

#### **USE QUESTIONS BELOW TO DISCUSS THE SCRIPTURE**

1. What did the friends of Jesus, the Jews, think of Samaritans and what did Samaritans think of Jews?

-they hated each other. It was like Alabama-Auburn kind of hate, but worse

2. The man who fell victim was a Jew. Who passed by him and didn't help?

- A priest and Levite passed by and didn't help. Both of these men were Jews.

3. Who finally helped the man?

-a Samaritan

4. Have you ever seen somebody who was not "one of your group" hurt?

-maybe a kid getting picked on at school

-maybe a player from the other team who gets hurt or is having a bad game

5. How did you treat that person? And, how should we treat that person?

-let them give concrete ways they can reach out to kids who don't fit in (like sitting with them at lunch; starting a conversation with them; inviting them into a game; asking others to stop talking bad about them, or at least being silent and not piling on)

-and concrete ways to show good sportsmanship toward the other team (like helping someone up who is down; saying something like, "nice try" to someone from the other team who just blew a play or made a mistake)

#### **PRAY IN THESE OR SIMILAR WORDS, OR INVITE A PLAYER TO LEAD PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, help me see your holy presence in everyone I meet, even those who are not from my tribe. Send your Holy Spirit to change my heart so that I may everyone as my sister or brother through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.