



Supplies:

- ☐ LifeWay's *Best of Worship Kidstyle Vol. 2* CD
- ☐ Sony Pictures' *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* DVD
- ☐ LifeWay's *100 Action Games That Really Work Vol. 1* CD

Bible Truth & Memory Verse:

Level of Biblical Learning (God): God has concern and care for all people.

God cares about others. I do too!

“But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” **James 1:22**

Movie Connection: (10 min.)

Say, “We are going to watch a scene from the movie *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*. This is where the town is being destroyed.”

Play scene 18 at 49:16. **Stop** the movie at 52:40.

What was falling from the sky?

What did Flint say he could do?

What happened when he tried to turn it off?

Say, “The mayor was more concerned about his own meal of a large buffet with lots of stuff to eat than he was about saving the people in the town. Flint, however, wanted to help the people in his town. God cares about people too. He wants us to care about the people in our town and others throughout the world.”

Bible Connection: (10 min.)

Open your Bible to Luke 10:25-37 as you tell the story. **Read** the following aloud.

One day Jesus was talking to a large group of people. Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan. Jesus said a man was traveling from one town to another town. While walking down the road, some robbers attacked the man. The robbers beat up the man and then stole everything he had with him. The robbers hurt the man very badly and left him lying on the side of the road.

A little while later, a priest or preacher came walking down the road. The priest saw the man lying there but did not help him.

Soon, another person came down the road. This man knew what the Bible said, but he did not help the hurt man either.

After a little while, a Samaritan came walking down the road. A Samaritan is someone from Samaria and many people didn't talk to Samaritans. When the Samaritan saw the man who had been beaten, robbed and left lying on the ground, the Samaritan had compassion on him. The Samaritan immediately went over and helped him.

The Samaritan cleaned the man's wounds and helped him get into town for more help. The Samaritan even paid his doctor bill!

Jesus said we should be like the Samaritan. We should be willing to help others and to show God's love to everyone we meet.

Discuss

How many people walked past the hurt man?

Who helped the man who was hurt?

What did the Samaritan do when he saw the man who was hurt?

Say, "Jesus said the Samaritan acted like a neighbor to the man who was hurt. We can be good neighbors to others too. In the movie, Flint helped save the people in the town. Flint was a good neighbor. We can be good neighbors by telling others about Jesus."

Hands On: (15 min.)

Before class, **download** "Scaling the Slopes" from LifeWay's *100 Action Games That Really Work Vol. 1* CD. **Guide** children to play the game.

Say, “To play the game, you had to work together as a team. God cares about us and wants us as Christians to work together to tell others about Him. When we help others, we are good neighbors and they can see that God cares about them.”

Praise and Worship: (5 min.)

Play *Best of Worship Kidstyle Vol. 2* CD selection 5. **Guide** children to sing along.

Pray

Thank you, God, for caring about others. Help me to care about others too. Amen.



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- ☐ LifeWay's *Best of Worship Kidstyle Vol. 2* CD
- ☐ Poster board and marker
- ☐ LifeWay's *100 Action Games That Really Work Vol. 1* CD
- ☐ Items for "Scaling the Slopes" game

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Opening Activity: (10 min.)

Guide children to make a list (specifically or generally) of people they should befriend.

Ask children how they can befriend their neighbors. **Make** two columns on a poster board: one column for neighbors (be general) and one column for friendly actions.

Say, "God cares about each of us and He wants us to care about others. Let's learn about Amos, who cared about others in his country."

Bible Connection: (10 min.)

Open your Bible to Amos 2:6-16 as you tell the story. **Read** the following aloud.

Amos was a prophet who loved God very much. A prophet is someone who hears a message from God and tells the people what God says. Amos was an Israelite, which means he lived in Israel a long long time ago.

Amos loved other Israelites, and he wanted the people in his country to love one another too. But Amos was sad. Amos saw that many people in his country were only concerned about themselves.

The prophet listened to God. Amos knew that God was angry. Many Israelites didn't take care of their neighbors. In the book of Amos in the Bible, we learn that God said the Israelites were unkind to one another and especially to the poor. God said they used bad language and worshiped other gods.

Amos told the Israelites what God said. He also told the people that God would stop blessing the people with plenty of money, nice homes and lots of stuff. Amos was sad for the Israelites.

Discuss

Who was Amos?

Why were Amos and God sad?

What happened?

Say, "God and Amos loved the Israelites very much. But many of the Israelites did not care about others. God wants us to care about others. God cares for each of us and He expects us to care for friends, family members and other people around us."

Hands On: (20 min.)

Look back at the poster board created in the first activity. **Identify** one group of people in your community to whom you could minister. **Guide** children to work together to make a snack mix using items such as cereal, chocolate chips, dried fruits and nuts. **Separate** the snack mix into individual bags/containers to **distribute** to the identified group. When you deliver the items, be sure to **take** pictures of your visit to share with the children.

Say, "God loves everyone in our town. We made a snack mix to share with others. By giving them this gift, we will be able to show God's love. God likes for us to tell others about Him."

Praise and Worship: (5 min.)

Play *Best of Worship Kidstyle Vol. 2* CD selection 8. **Guide** children to sing along.

Pray

Help me, God, to care for and love others just like You. Amen.