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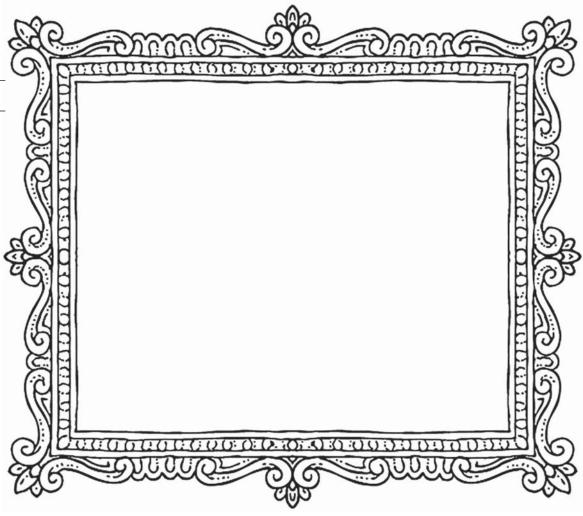
NEIGHBOR



Throughout Lent we're going to create a portrait gallery about YOU and your part in God's story.

Think about the Good Samaritan in this week's Bible story. Think about a time when you were a neighbor to someone else, or when someone else was a neighbor to you.

Draw it here!



LUKE 10:25-37

A legal expert asks Jesus how to attain eternal life. This man and Jesus agree that aliveness is found by loving God and neighbor. "But who is my neighbor?" asks the man.

Jesus responds by telling a story about a man traveling on a dangerous road. He was attacked, robbed, and left for dead. A religious leader saw the man and, in accordance with religious laws, passed by. Another religious man did the same. A third man, a despised Samaritan, also saw the injured man. He stopped, took care of him, and paid his expenses. "Who," asked Jesus, "was the neighbor?"

TALK ABOUT THIS:

The man asks Jesus where his obligation ends. He wants to know who his neighbor is, and who his neighbor is not. He wants to figure out who he is supposed to love, and who he doesn't have to love.

But what if Jesus isn't interested in those kinds of boundaries? What changes if Jesus shifts the focus to our own hearts? What if Jesus wants us to ask ourselves daily if we're BEING a neighbor? Can you be a neighbor to anyone you meet, regardless of who they are? Is that hard sometimes? Why?



CHARACTER

Who are you in this story? Why?



SURPRISE

Are we nice to other people because it's the right thing to do? Or is there more to it than that? What?



LOVE

What changes when you learn to see the face of God in those around you? Does it change the way you feel about them? How?

A BEDTIME ROUTINE FOR FAMILIES

SHARE your highs and lows from the day.

READ the Bible story.

TALK about how the story relates to your highs and lows. PRAY for one another's highs and lows.

BLESS one another.

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