

**One Family Under God**  
**Building a Christian Community**  
**Grades 4-6 Lesson**



**Goal:**

Students will be introduced to the concept of a Christian community based on Gospel principles. They will be introduced to stories of welcoming others and kindness to strangers as a direct outcome of lived faith.

**Materials:**

Parable of the Good Samaritan video—see website link

*Fly Away Home* book or video—see website link

US City Name Word Search—see website link

**Scripture:** Parable of the Good Samaritan video.

Questions for Discussion:

Who is the main character of the story?

What was he doing?

What happened to him?

Who walked by him as he lay on the road?

Who helped him? What did he do?

Why is it significant that a Samaritan man helped the wounded man?

What does this story teach us about loving and caring for people, even if they are strangers?

**Read or Watch:** *Fly Away Home*

Who are the main characters of the story?

What are they doing?

Why do they live in an airport?

What do they do to avoid detection? Why?

What decision do they need to make?

What do they ultimately decide to do? Do you agree with this decision? Why or why not?

If you had met the family in the airport, what would you have done? Why?

What does this story teach us about judging people without really knowing them?

What does this story teach us about being kind to people in need, even if they are not our friends?

**Watch:**

The Millionaires who Welcome People at Sea  
What are the Most Translated Words in the World  
What is a Friend

What do these videos tell us about showing love and friendship to others?  
Is it easy to do this? What about to people you don't even know?  
What does the family do with their boat? Why? Do they know the people they help?  
What about all of the people sharing words of love and gratitude in other languages. Does it matter whether they are good friends with the people or not?  
Is it important to be kind to people who are not your friends?  
What about people you meet in your own neighborhood or in the city?  
What is the most important thing a good friend does? Are you a good friend?

**Activity:**

US City Name Word Search—see website link

Many cities in the United States were named for the people who founded them and their countries of origin. A close look at a map of the United States clearly illustrates that our country is a land of immigrants who brought their cultures and their religious beliefs with them to America. As students do this activity, talk with them about the ways our country is improved by new ideas and innovation through immigration. What could we do better in our community to welcome people who are new to the US?

**Pray:**

**Loving God,**

**We thank you for creating all the people of the world  
and for allowing us to learn from their cultures and beliefs.**

**Remind us to see your face when we meet new people for the first time.  
Give us courage to welcome them and show them love and courtesy.**

**Grant safety to all immigrants and refugees who leave their homes for a new  
land, looking for safety, peace, and opportunity for their families.**

**Amen.**

