Next week is Valentine’s Day! Spend the week finding fun ways to surprise people in your home and outside your home by being a neighbor to them. You could make cards, do chores, find gifts, say kind words, be helpful or do anything that God nudges you to do. Sometimes, the neighbor that needs your love might be a brother or sister or friend. Sometimes the neighbor might be someone you haven’t met yet. Keep your eyes wide open!

For younger kids, it can be fun to make a teddy bear or doll act as the injured person. The child is the Samaritan and can bandage up the doll and act out the story. Older kids might have more fun "bandaging" a parent with a roll of toilet paper.

Dear God,
Please help me to see my neighbors the way you see them.
Help me to love you with all of my heart, soul, mind and strength.
Amen

Luke 10:27 He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

Luke 10:25-37

Who is your neighbor?
What do you think Jesus was teaching the people who He told this story?
Are all of the people you meet easy to show God’s love to? Why?
How else might you say "love your neighbor as yourself?" Rephrase it.
How can you love your neighbor?
How do you think the man who was hurt felt as he saw people walk by? How do you think he felt when the Samaritan came?
How do you think the Samaritan felt?

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Shine My Light Worship Song: https://youtu.be/YJ4X9H5PKBY
God’s Story- The Good Samaritan: https://youtu.be/MLzdQtetedc
Life Kids- The Good Samaritan: https://youtu.be/rZhYBqU9cCc

One way to care for our neighbors is by lifting them up in prayer. Who can you pray for? Make an origami finger toy. Use it to help you remember some of the people you might want to pray for.
Cut off the instructions.
Fold all 4 corners to the center.
Flip it over so the flat back is facing up.
Fold the 4 corners to the center again.
Pop the points out so you can put your fingers in.
On each section inside, add someone you can pray for.

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