



**Big Idea: I must choose to be a good neighbor.**

Read Luke 10:29-37 "But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' 36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

**Opening:** Fill in the missing words to the song.

It's a \_\_\_\_\_ day in this neighborhood,  
A beautiful day for a neighbor.  
Would you be \_\_\_\_\_?  
Could you be mine?...

It's a neighborly day in this \_\_\_\_\_ wood,  
A neighborly day for a beauty.  
Would you be mine?  
Could you be mine?...

I've always \_\_\_\_\_ to have a neighbor just like you.  
I've always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you.

So, let's make the \_\_\_\_\_ of this beautiful day.  
Since we're together we might as well say:  
Would you be mine?  
Could you be mine?  
Won't you be my neighbor?  
Won't you \_\_\_\_\_,  
Won't you please?  
Please won't you be my neighbor?

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**Opener:** Partner with at least one person and respond to the two questions.

1. How did Mr. Rogers influence a generation?
2. What was his primary message?
3. Do we need a modern day Mr. Rogers? Why or why not?

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### **QUESTIONS TO PONDER:**

1. Who is the main character of the story?
2. Who are the supporting characters in the story? List them and give biblical background for each one.
3. What did it look like for the Samaritan to be a neighbor?

**DISCUSSION: WHEN ARE YOU MOST TEMPTED TO ACT LIKE THE PRIEST AND THE LEVITE?**

**DISCUSSION: DESCRIBE A TIME WHEN YOU LEARNED AN IMPORTANT LESSON FROM AN UNLIKELY PERSON?**

**DISCUSSION: WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE FOR YOU TO BE A NEIGHBOR?**

**LET'S TALK ABOUT IT:**

1. What would happen if everyone made it a point to know and befriend their literal neighbors?
2. Do you have any prejudice that would hinder you from loving your neighbor?
3. How hard is it for you to love people you don't know?
4. How will you apply, "go and do likewise"?

**NEXT STEPS: SINCE LOVING MY NEIGHBOR IS EVIDENCE OF MY LOVING GOD THEN WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?**

1. Draw a picture of your neighborhood, apartment complex, complex, etc.
2. Write the names of each of your neighbors.
3. Write down what you know about them.
4. Write down in depth information you have about them such as hopes, hurts, and histories.
5. Identify one neighbor that you are going to pray for during the next week. Take time to pray in the group for the neighbors that were mentioned.
6. Share one small "next step" that you feel God is calling you to take in the next 7 days.