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The Good Samaritan Family Home Evening Packet

Contents:

Story,
Picture Sheets,
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Treat Recipe

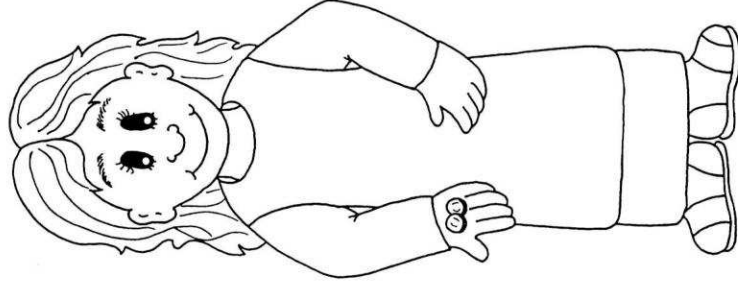


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Cherry "Charity" Bars

Ingredients:

- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 4 eggs
- 30 maraschino cherries, drained and chopped fine
- 6 Tbs. maraschino cherry juice
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup flour



Chocolate Glaze:

- 2 oz. semi-sweet chocolate
- 1/4 cup margarine

Directions:

In a mixing bowl, blend salt, butter, flour and powdered sugar to make a soft dough. Press mixture evenly into an ungreased 9x13 pan. Bake for 15-20 minutes in a 350 degree oven. Once the crust has baked, reduce the oven heat to 325 degrees. In a separate bowl, mix maraschino cherry juice, eggs, cherries, sugar and 1/4 cup flour. Mix until smooth. Pour over baked crust. Bake an additional 20 to 25 minutes. Cool the bars completely. For the chocolate glaze, melt the margarine and chocolate together. Spread melted mixture over bars and then sprinkle with powdered sugar.

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Home Evening Outline

- Opening Prayer
- Opening Song
- Scripture
- Story
- Game
- Closing Song
- Closing Prayer
- Refreshments

Suggested Songs: "I'm Trying To Be Like Jesus," pg. 78 (Childrens)
"Jesus Said Love Everyone," pg. 61 (Childrens)
"Love One Another," pg. 308 (Hymn)

Scriptures: John 13:34-35, Matthew 22:37-39, 1 John 4:11, John 13:15

Story: Color graphics with markers, colored pencils, chalks, etc. Use flannel, or laminate and cut out and place magnets on back of graphics. etc.

"Fill Your Heart With Love" Game: Preparation - Assemble the die, according to the instructions included on the sheet. Cut out each heart, along the dashed lines. Place each section of the heart into a zip lock bag so as to keep the heart pieces from getting mixed together.

Object - To be the first player to assemble his entire heart beginning with the bottom piece and working his way up to the top piece.

Play - Give each player a zip lock bag with his heart pieces in it. The player with the most letters in his first name begins and play rotates clockwise. The player begins by shaking the die. The die will instruct the player as to whether he can place a heart piece or not. Play then continues to the next player, and so on. If a player rolls the die and the die lands on the "Love Loss" side, the player that rolled the die can remove one of his opponenets top heart pieces. The game continues in this manner until someone completes his entire heart.

The Good Samaritan

Roger Dalton loved going to school. He liked playing with his friends at recess and he even liked getting good grades.

Miss Pace, Roger's third grade teacher, thought that Roger was an excellent student and an all-around good boy. She appreciated how he treated the other children and how he always got his homework finished.

One day, Miss Pace asked Roger if he would do her a favor. She asked him to be friendly to a new boy in the class whose name was Ethan.

Ethan had moved to Roger's neighborhood just a few days before. Roger had noticed Ethan because Ethan was different than a lot of the children in the class. No one had asked Ethan to play with them or to sit by them. He was usually alone and looked very sad.

Roger didn't want to do as Miss Pace asked because he didn't like the way Ethan looked or acted. Roger squirmed in his seat. "What could he say to Miss Pace?" he thought.

If the other children in the class didn't want anything to do with Ethan, neither did Roger! After all, Ethan looked like he never combed his hair and his face and hands were usually very dirty. His jeans had holes in the knees and his shoes were worn. He didn't have a warm coat to wear when the children went outside.

There was such a good relationship between Roger and his teacher that he felt he had no choice but to do as she had asked.

"Okay," Roger said reluctantly. "I'll try."

A broad smile filled Miss Pace's face. "I knew you would do it," she said. "You are one of my best students. This is a boy who needs a friend. It could do wonders for him."

The closing bell for the day rang loud and clear and the children ran for their coats and backpacks. Roger would start his new task tomorrow after he had had some time to think about it.

When the yellow school bus pulled up in front of Roger's house, he stepped down with his head hung low. Oh, how he didn't want to do what Miss Pace had asked him to do.

Mother caught on right away that there was something wrong. It didn't take much prodding to get Roger to tell Mother what was going on. A very concerned look crossed Mother's face but Roger wasn't sure what it meant. Then, Mother said, "Hmmm, I think maybe we need to talk to Dad about this one. When he comes home, we will all sit together and have a chat."

With dinner over and the younger children in bed, Father called to Mother and Roger to come into the living room. There, they sat on the big, comfy couch while Father rubbed the front of his forehead as if he were a little concerned. That made Roger uncomfortable.

"Roger," Father began, "you know that we love you very much and that we are very proud of you." Roger nodded his head up and down in agreement.

"There is a very important lesson to be learned here in what Miss Pace has asked you to do," Father continued. "You know that we have talked about loving your neighbor before and what we should do."

Roger nodded his head again. He didn't like where this conversation was going. "But, Dad," he said, "Ethan is dirty and poor and I don't know what kind of a person he is."

Father scratched his forehead again. "Son, let me tell you a story that is a favorite of mine. It was told by the Savior, Jesus Christ, when he was upon the earth."

Mother sat back and Roger even relaxed a little. Father told them this story:

"One day, a lawyer tried to tempt Jesus by asking him what he should do to inherit eternal life. Jesus asked the lawyer what was written in the law and the lawyer answered saying: 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.' (Luke 10:27)"

Jesus told him that he had answered right and if he did this, he would live, but the lawyer tried to justify himself by asking the Savior who his neighbor was.

This story was told by Jesus to the lawyer to answer his question. 'A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion on him. And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host and said unto him. Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves?'

The lawyer said it was the one who showed mercy. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do thou likewise.' " (Parable taken from Luke 10:30-35)

A feeling of shame came over Roger as he listened to the story. He had heard it time and time again, that he should love his neighbor but he really hadn't thought much about it. He would do as Miss Pace asked.

The next morning, Roger bounded out of bed, excited at the prospect of doing something good for Ethan. He searched through his closet to find an old coat that he never wore any more and after checking with Mother, he packed the coat into his backpack.

It seemed like it took the yellow school bus forever to get to school that morning. When it came to a stop, Roger raced down the stairs and onto the playground. His eyes searched all over to find Ethan and finally, there he was!

Roger ran to where Ethan was standing all alone. He was shaking with the cold. "Hi Ethan," he called.

Ethan's face lit up like a Christmas tree. "Hi Roger," he called back.

"I have something for you," said Roger, pulling the coat from his pack. He helped Ethan into the coat and watched as Ethan just didn't know quite what to do.

"I don't need this any more and I want you to have it," Roger said.

"Thank you," answered Ethan. Then, the two of them were off to play.

Within the coming weeks, the students saw a big change in Ethan. He began washing his hair and hands and face. His clothes were still a little ragged but he had a confidence about him that he hadn't had before. The other children began playing with Ethan and Roger at recess and Ethan's grades improved.

Roger had loved his neighbor as Jesus asked.

Love can do wonders for anyone, especially those who are not as fortunate as we are. To love our neighbor is to show love for the Savior. It is what he wants us to do.

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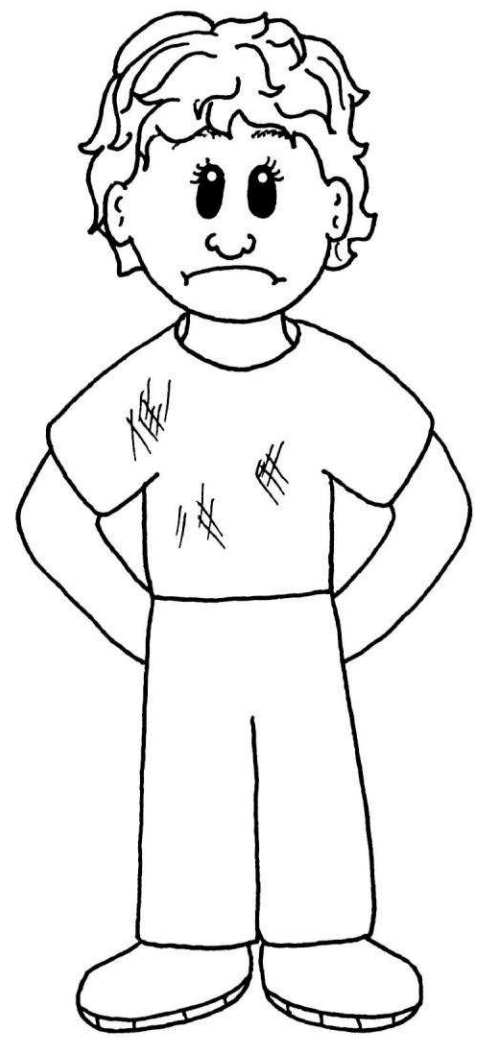
- How have you shown love for your neighbor recently?
- How can we show more love for our neighbor?



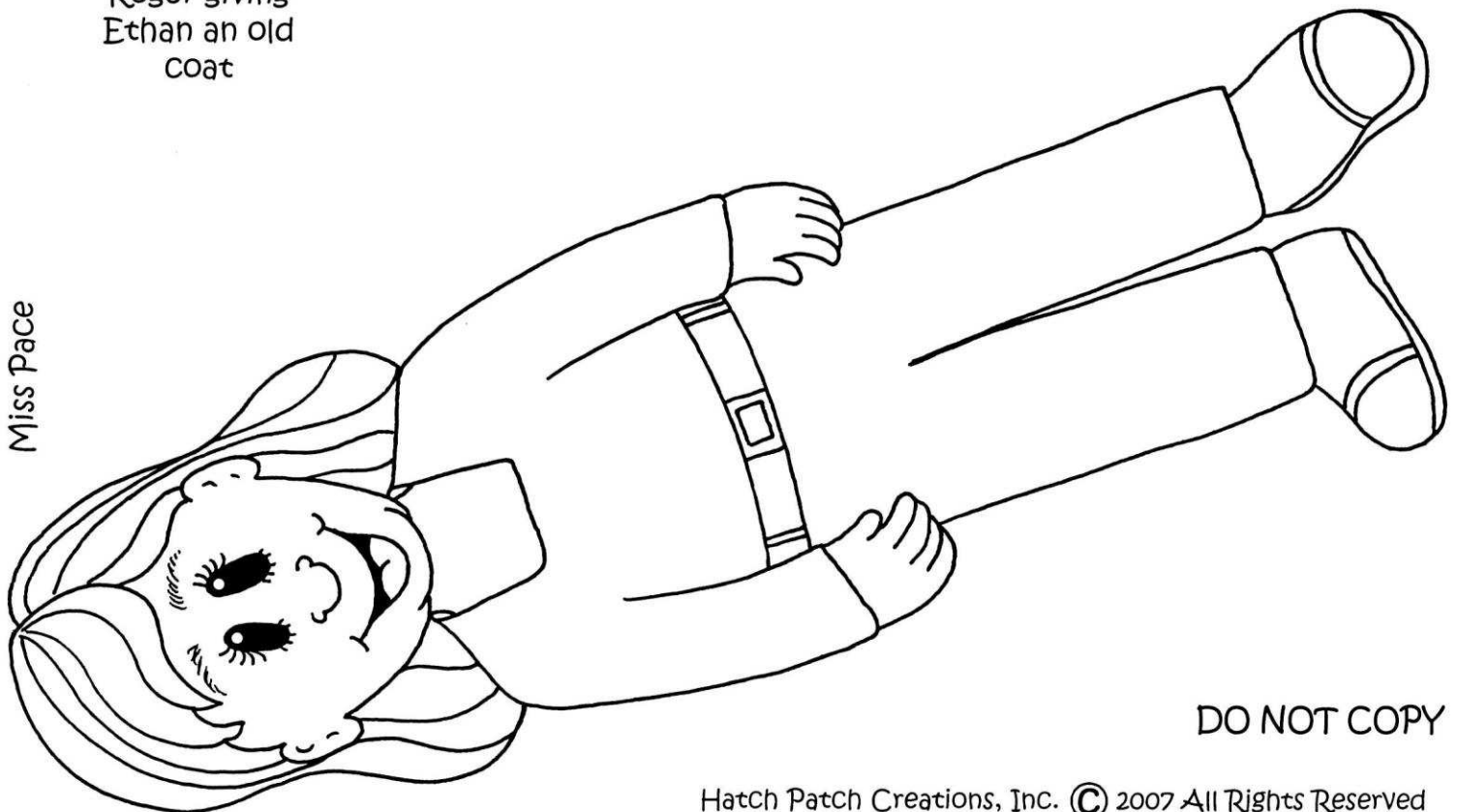
Roger giving
Ethan an old
coat



Roger

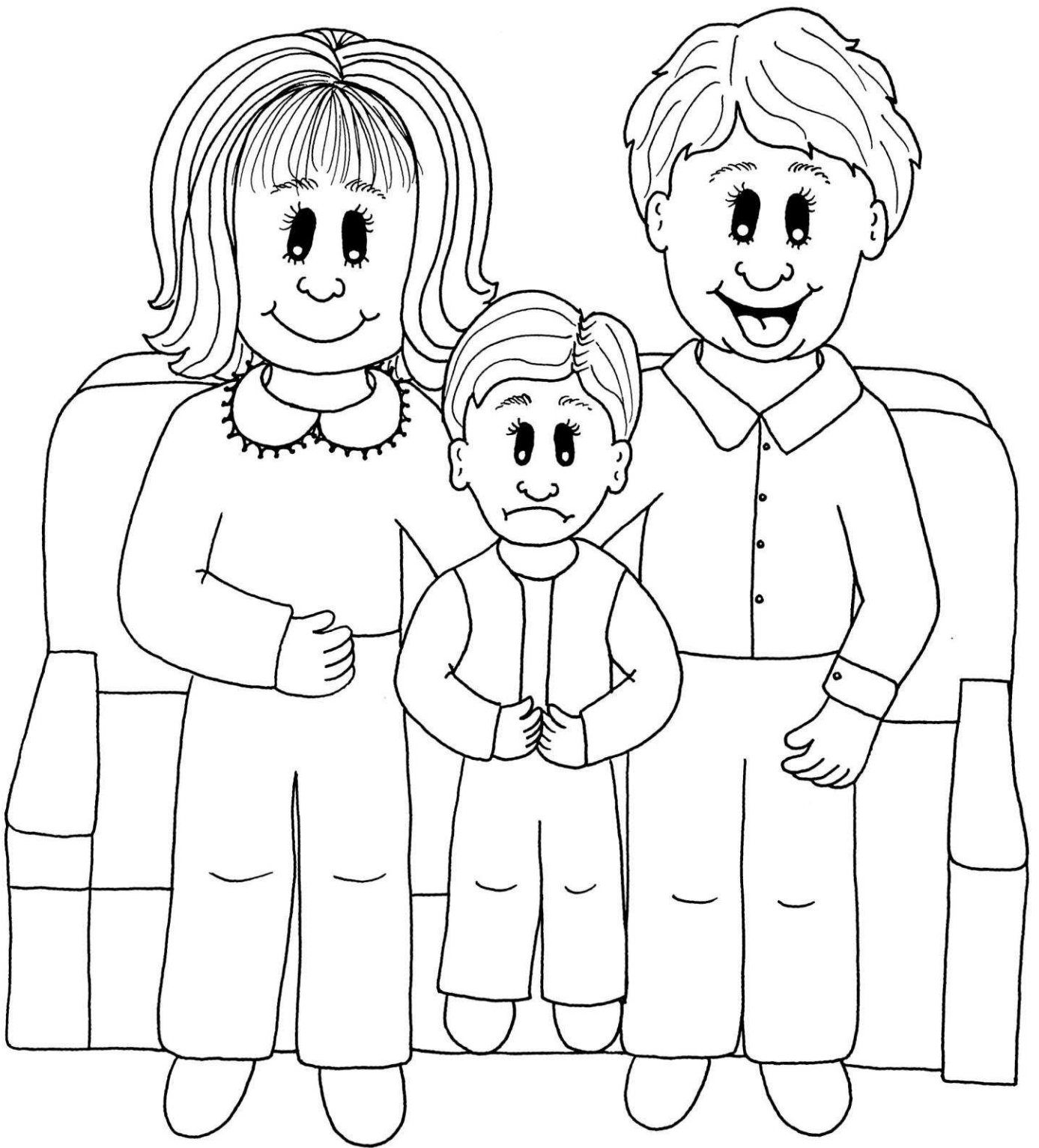


Ethan

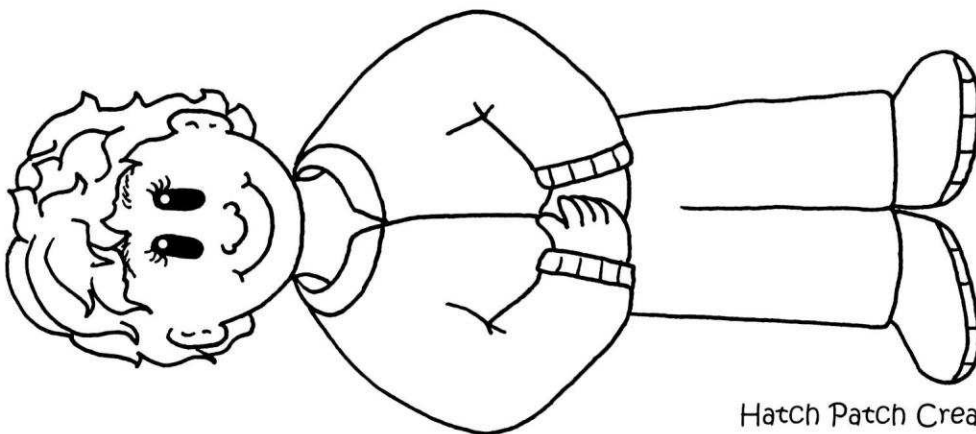


Miss Pace

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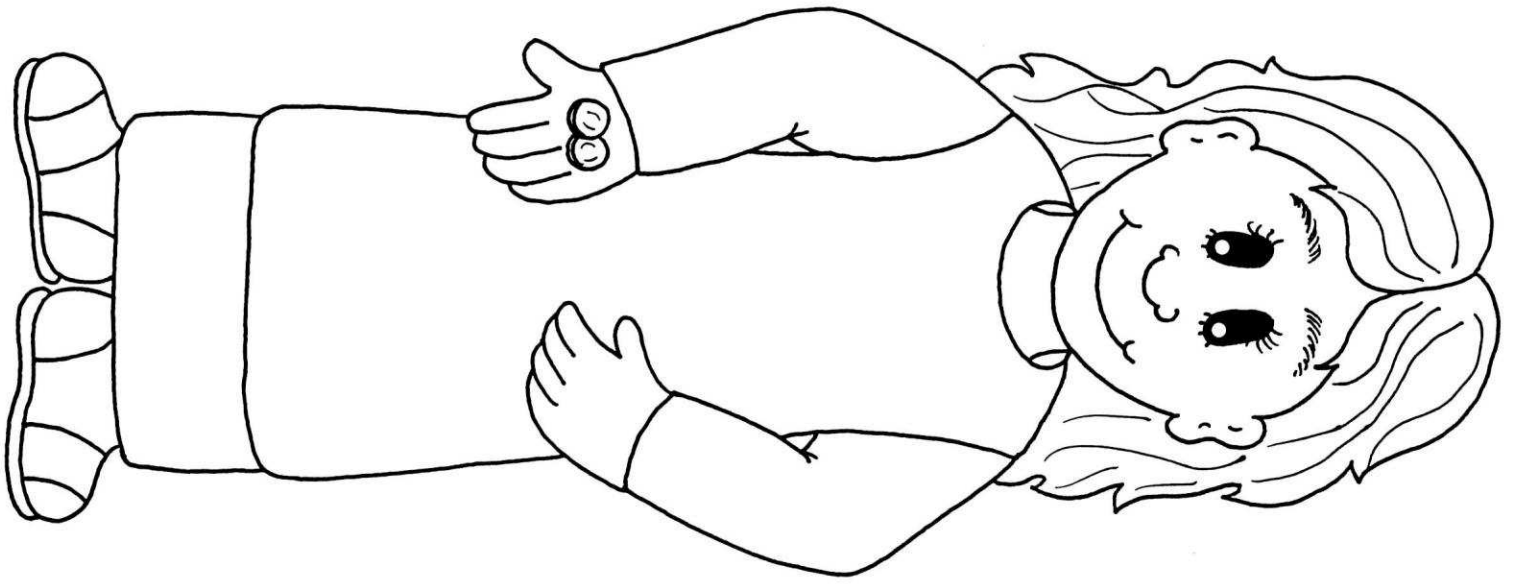


Mother, Father and Roger
discussing his situation



Ethan in his
new coat

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The Good Samaritan
offering money



The Good Samaritan

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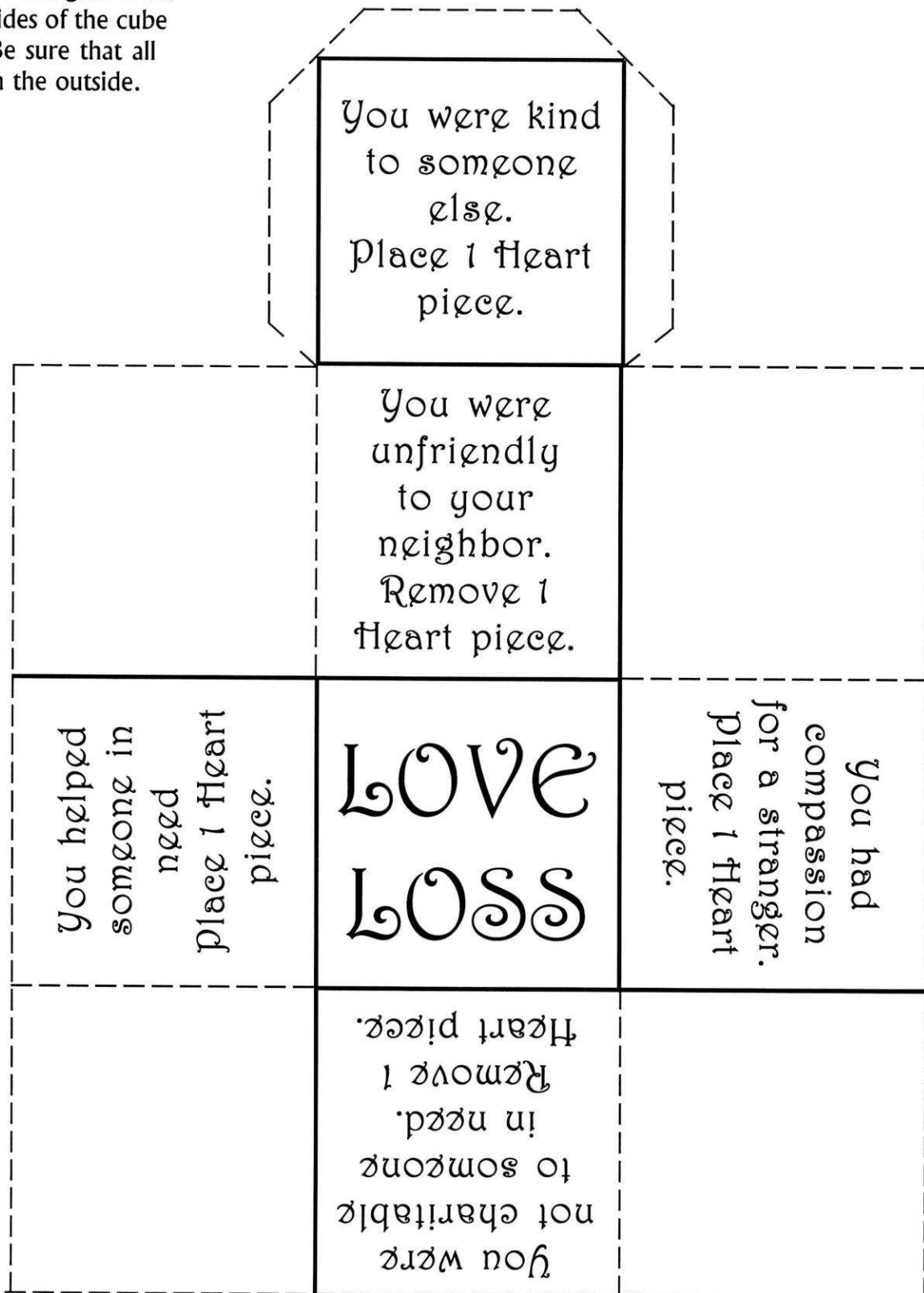
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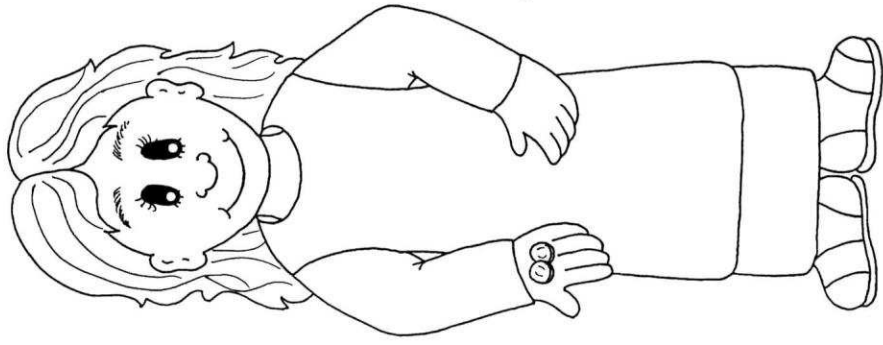
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Assembly Directions

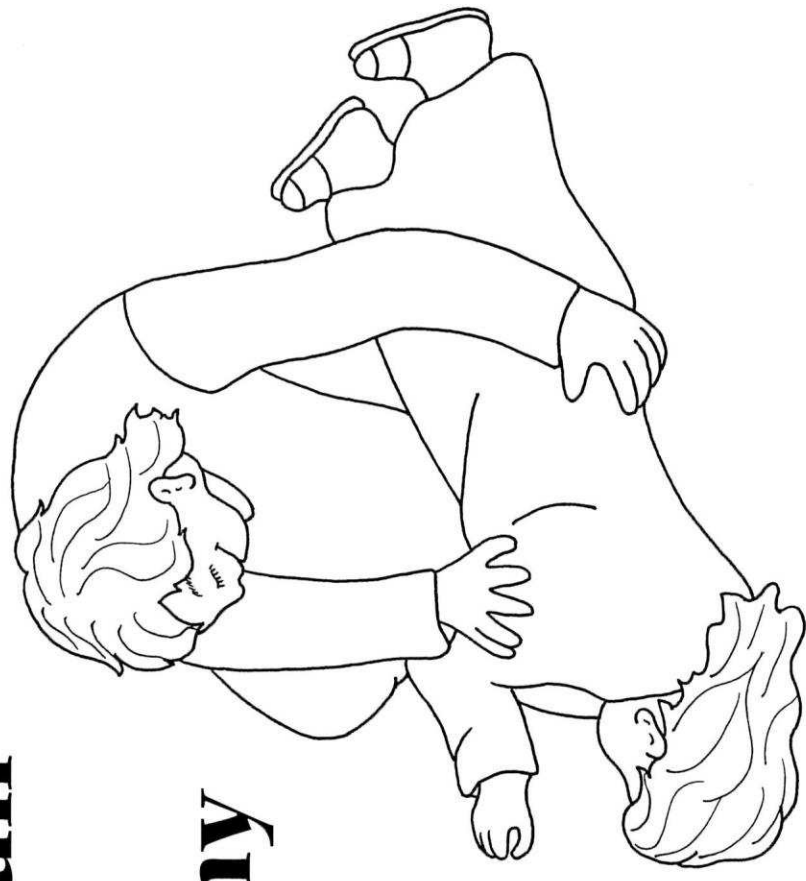
- Cut only on dashed lines.
- Fold a crease on all solid lines.
- Fold each side in, forming a cube. Use a glue stick or small amounts of white glue to adhere the insides of the cube together. Be sure that all writing is on the outside.





**"A new commandment
I give unto you,
That ye love one another;
as I have loved you,
that ye also love one another.**

**By this shall all
men know
that ye are my
disciples, if ye have
love one to
another."**



John 13:34-35