

# SAMARITAN'S PURSE WATER PROJECTS

Turning on the tap to safe water for communities. 

## Samaritan's Purse Education Resources

### Bible Lesson 4

The Samaritan's Purse Water Education resources are Bible-based teaching materials intended to teach biblical principles around the goal of providing safe water to the 663 million people around the world who do not have access to it.

Every 24 seconds a person is dying from diseases caused by contaminated drinking water, and we want to provide parents and teachers with Bible-based resources to educate children about Samaritan's Purse, the biblical principles behind our work, and how Canadians of all ages can help get safe water to those who need it.

#### Love God, Love Others

**Age Group** Children in grades K – 6

**Leader** A parent or teacher can lead children through this Bible lesson

**Bible Focus** The most important commandment and the example of the Good Samaritan

**Objective** To teach Jesus' most important commandment and how to obey it

**Bible Verses** Matthew 22:36-39

**Preparation** The teacher or parent should read the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) to follow up on the Bible focus

**Materials** Materials needed depend on the optional activities in which the children participate; while preparing your lesson, please note which activities you would like to do.

Some activities will require you to download another PDF from the Samaritan's Purse Water Education Resources. Watch for this symbol:



Please note: in order to download PDFs, you must be connected to the Internet.

## Lesson

How important is love in the Bible? Do you think love is important to God? Love is very important to God – His love for us and our love for Him. Jesus even told us just how important it is that we love God.

One day when Jesus was teaching, a very smart lawyer decided to test him by asking what was God’s greatest commandment. Jesus said to him, “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.”

Our first and most important commandment is to love God. But what do you think Jesus said next to the lawyer?

After saying we should first love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, He said another instruction was just as important: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matt. 22:36-39)

Jesus says to love God first, and then love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves.

So who is your neighbor? Who do you think Jesus is talking about?

The smart lawyer asked Jesus that question. Jesus replied by telling the story of a Jewish man who was travelling when robbers attacked and beat him up and left him for dead. Two people walked by not long after, but they avoided the injured man. Then a man from a place called Samaria found him. Now Jewish people did not like Samaritans in those days, and Samaritan people knew it. But instead of avoiding the injured man, the Samaritan rescued him, fixed his wounds, took him to a hotel because there were no hospitals in those days, and took care of him overnight. The next day, he told the hotel manager to take care of the injured man and promised that he, the Samaritan, would pay for any extra expenses.

“Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by robbers?” Jesus asked the lawyer.

The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.” Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.”



### Optional Discussion

Parent or teacher poses questions to children. Help generate ideas with possible answers.

**Questions:** Why do you think the first two men passed by the injured man and avoided him? Why did the lawyer ask Jesus who his neighbor is? Was he looking for an easy answer, one that would let him say “I’ve already been good to my neighbor”?

When Jesus tells us to love our neighbors, He is commanding us to love more than just our friends or the people who live next door to us. He means kids you don’t know, or even someone

you don't like. Jesus means that you should love children who live in other countries, too.

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### Optional Impact Story

If time allows, a parent or teacher can read one or more stories of children in Southeast Asia, and how the lack of safe water affects them.



Download: Story PDF [Children Around The World-Asia](#)

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If we love God, then we will love others because He wants us to. But how do we do this? How can we love our neighbors as ourselves? How can we love bullies who steal our lunches? How do we show them how to be concerned for children in poor countries, who have no lunch to eat or safe water to drink?

Many people are showing love to these people by buying them BioSand Filters, which use a special biological process designed by God to filter dirty, contaminated water and take out the bacteria and germs. With a BioSand Filter, people have safe, delicious water to drink, so they don't get sick from drinking dirty water.

In Canada, we are blessed to be able to turn on the tap and drink safe water. If we love good-tasting water, wouldn't we love for our neighbors to also have safe water?

By giving someone safe water in the Name of Jesus, we are loving them as we love ourselves and doing as Jesus asks us to.

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## Activity

### In Class

Have children complete the activity for their age group.

Download:  [The Good Samaritan I](#) (Grades K-2)  
[The Good Samaritan II](#) (Grades 3-6)

Download:  [Water Filter Coloring Page](#) (Grades K-2)  
[Paper Water Filter Construction](#) (Grades 3-6)

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## Optional At Home Activity

The children can write their own Good Samaritan stories. Suggested approach: “Have you ever helped anyone who was hurt and upset? Write your story and say how you think you were a real friend, just as Jesus taught.” The younger ages can tell their stories to their parents.

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## Ways to Respond

- Ask the children to pray that they will love others like they love themselves
- Challenge the children to think about ways they can help meet the needs of people around the world who do not have safe drinking water
- Encourage children to talk to their parents or friends about how other kids must drink dirty, contaminated water



## A Step Further

Help provide a family in the developing world get safe drinking water as a class, group, or individual. We have ideas for fundraising – from small stewardship activities to large fundraising campaigns – available online at [www.SamaritansPurse.ca](http://www.SamaritansPurse.ca) in the creative fundraising section.

Suggested fund-raising activities to go with this Bible lesson:



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[Loonie for Clean Water](#)

[Provide a Family With Clean Water](#)