1.1 Saturday Mornings January – Love your neighbour

Activity	Equipment	Instructions	Discussion	Picture
1. Friendship bracelet	Different colours of wool	 Measure lengths of wool so it wraps round your wrist twice. Tie the lengths of wool together Make not three strands Plait the wool together Tie ends together Place around your wrist and tie in a bow 	Talk about how the Samaritan used his hands to help the wounded man. When we pray, we ask God to help us be God's hands and feet in the world, caring for others. Talk about how it looks when each of us helps in whatever way we can, and how God blesses others through us.	
2. Helping hands	Coloured paper Pencils or Crayons Scissors Hole punch Wool	 Trace round and cut out four handprints from coloured paper. Use one handprint as the cover and write "Helping Hands Book". Think of ways you can help and draw or write on the other hand layering the handprints together punch 1 hole on the wrist side bind the booklet with wool 	Talk about how the priest and the Levite in the story may have been on their way to the temple or synagogue. If they had stopped and helped this man, they would have been made ritually unclean and so unable to take part in temple rituals. Jesus is telling us this is no excuse. It doesn't matter how busy we are, we should never be too busy to help others.	Helping Hands

3. Plaster biscuits	Rectangular biscuits Fondant icing Red jam Icing	 Spread a little icing on your biscuit Stick a small square of fondant icing onto the biscuit Top the fondant with a small amount of jam 	Talk about how the Samaritan would have found the injured man lying on the road with cuts and bruises and wounds from the attack. He would have used whatever he had, probably his own clothes, to bandage him, and then he took him to the nearest inn so he could care for him properly. Some people train as first aiders in order to help others when they are hurt.	
---------------------	---	---	--	--

Bible Story:

Luke 10:30–37 (NRSV) Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'