

**Lesson #3-23***The Samaritan, Martha and Mary*

Luke 10:25-42

**Key Verse:**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Luke 10:25

**The Point:**

God's kingdom appears in acts of mercy and love.

**Lenten Theme (February 17—April 2)**

Journey to the Cross

*Oil and Bandages*

*Bless each other.*

*Supplies:*

- † Anointing oil or olive oil
- † Bandages
- † Permanent marker

*Instructions:*

1. **God is working in wondrous ways to care for all of us. It can be hard to help others, especially if it takes us outside our comfort zone. Today we will practice praying for and blessing each other.**
2. **Each person can choose how they would like to receive prayer. Any or all of the following are welcome.**
  - Pray for each other: In small groups, stand and lay hands on or toward each person. That person can ask for a specific need or can just receive prayer.

- Mark with oil: With the person's permission, a leader makes the sign of the cross in oil on the person's forehead, saying, "You are marked with Jesus' cross and called to follow him."
  - Mark with bandage: With the person's permission, a leader or volunteer puts an adhesive bandage on the person's upper arm and draws a small heart on it, saying, "You are a beloved child of God."
3. When everyone is finished blessing, close with the following or similar prayer:

God, you offer care and compassion to all of us. Some of us have wounds others can see. Help us heal. Some of us have wounds we hide. Help us trust. Some of us have wounds we do not even know about. Help us grow. For all your beloved children, we pray. Amen.