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CORPS CADET SUNDAY

PURPOSE

The purpose of Corps Cadet Sunday is to encourage our young people and to recruit other young people for membership in the Corps Cadet program. Corps Cadet Sunday provides an opportunity for the corps cadets to use their leadership skills and talents.

PARTICIPATION

Prior to Corps Cadet Sunday, the corps cadet counselor should give the meeting outline to the corps officer or program committee. The corps cadet counselor should lead the meeting assisted by the corps officer.

Each corps cadet should have an assignment and time to prepare for it. Assignments could include: greeting, song leading, praying, reading Scripture, giving testimonies, collecting the offering, making announcements, leading worship, singing or playing a special number, handing out programs, participating in skits, and preaching.

SUGGESTED HOLINESS MEETING OUTLINE

LOVE IS A VERB

PRELUDE RECORDED MUSIC

Such as transMission's album *We Believe*

Find transMission music at <http://transmission.virb.com>

WELCOME CORPS CADET COUNSELOR/OTHER LEADER

(See Program Helps)

CALL TO WORSHIP SONG SUGGESTIONS

(See Program Helps)

PRAISE AND WORSHIP PRAISE BAND

"Love the Lord Your God" by Lincoln Brewster

"I Will Worship (With All of my Heart)" by David Ruis

PRAYER..... CORPS CADET



LOVE FOR GOD AND OTHERS

TESTIMONY CORPS CADET

How I Show My Love for God and Others

(This could be done live or as a pre-recorded video.)

BIBLE READING CORPS CADET

Matthew 22: 34-40; Luke 10:25-37

OFFERING.....CORPS CADET ANNOUNCES OFFERING

He or she calls ushers to come forward and prays.

OFFERTORYCORPS CADET COUNSELOR

Option 1: Corps Cadet to share a special music item

Option 2: Play video of the Paul Balloche song 'The Same Love'

SKIT 'THE GOOD SAMARITAN'

(See Program Helps)

SERMON: LOVE IS A VERB

(See Sermon Resource)

CLOSING SONG CORPS CADET

'God is Love' SB #43

BENEDICTION CORPS CADET

(See Program Helps)



LOVE IS A VERB

PROGRAM HELPS

Aim of Meeting: The theme, "Love is a Verb," is meant to communicate the importance of receiving God's love, responding by loving God back, and then showing love to others. The first part of the service focuses more on **The Greatest Commandment**, "To love God with all our heart, soul and mind." The latter part of the service focuses on "loving our neighbor as ourselves."

WELCOME

Welcome to Corps Cadet Sunday! Today we are excited to have our corps cadets leading worship. We are so proud of them and see God working in their lives. Our service today focuses on two passages of Scripture. Both passages give us **The Greatest Commandment**: "to love God with our heart, soul and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves." The second passage tells the story of the **Good Samaritan**. Both of these passages teach us that "Love is a Verb"! Our corps cadets will help us understand this truth through their leadership of the service today.

CALL TO WORSHIP

BY ROBERTA SIMMONS-SMITH; ADAPTED BY CAPTAIN ABBY MILLER

Scriptures taken from 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Romans 15:4; Matthew 22:37

Leader: We have come into Your presence, Lord, to open our hearts, to open our minds, and to receive Your Spirit this morning;

Congregation: So that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work;

Leader: Clear out all the distractions so that Your Word can be easily heard;

Congregation: For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us;

Leader: So that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide, we might have hope;

Congregation: So that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work;

Leader: Lord, as we come into this, Your Holy Temple, help us to shed our doubts, insecurities, and ignorance and remind us of Your love for us;

Congregation: We accept Your love. Lord, we choose to love You back with our all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves;

Leader: So that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.



SKIT

The Salvation Army in the U.S. has created a National Creative Arts Curriculum, available to order from any U.S. Trade Department. There is an effective and easy skit in this curriculum that acts out *The Good Samaritan*. See the links below for more information. This is a great resource!

SEE THE PROMO

<http://youtu.be/ijFzUwjDKbg>

FREE LOOK INSIDE THE BOOK

www.pageturnpro.com/Salvation-Army/33340-National-Creative-Arts-Curriculum-Promo/index.html#1

BENEDICTION

BY CAPTAIN ABBY MILLER

- Speaker 1: As we leave this place, remember what has been spoken from God's written Word.
- Speaker 2: In case there was any doubt, Jesus has made it clear.
- Speaker 3: What is the greatest commandment?
- All: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind."
- Speaker 2: God's deep and wide love for us calls us to love Him back.
- Speaker 1: But that's not all; the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."
- Speaker 3: Who is my neighbor? Who should I love? What action should I take?
- Speaker 2: The compassionate Samaritan was willing to make time to help...
- Speaker 1: To bend down low...
- Speaker 3: To serve...
- Speaker 2: To be interrupted.
- All: Go and do likewise.



SERMON

LOVE IS A VERB

Matthew 22: 37; Luke 10:25-36

SKIT

This Sunday we have been focusing on two passages of Scripture, both from the life of Jesus. Within the first passage, we read that the Sadducees and the Pharisees had both come together to try and trip up Jesus. They asked, “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?” Jesus responded by saying, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it...”

Jesus answered the question quickly and easily. He was as cool as a cucumber. But trying to figure out how to live out these commandments can sometimes put us in a pickle! If we turn to the Gospel of Luke, we can observe another interaction. This time, Jesus met with an expert in the Law. We read in Luke 10: 26 that this so-called expert asked, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” It is in this moment that we hear again, the “greatest commandment.” But this time, we also get a glimpse into what it looks like to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. We learn that loving God is related to loving people as Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan. As God loves us, so we love Him and others in return. Love is a verb—it requires action.

Let’s back up and look at the question that the expert in the law asked. I want to know what it takes to inherit eternal life. Who wouldn’t? But while it’s a good question, it also seems to imply that he wants to know what it takes to “get into heaven.” Could it be that he is more concerned with the end result of inheriting eternal life, than with the living that goes into such a result? Maybe we, too, are asking a similar question: “What does it take to get in?” I am reminded of young children who want to get dessert after dinner. They become “sophisticated negotiators” and come up with a “plea bargain” for finishing their food. It’s as if they’re asking, “What is the bare minimum for dessert—one or two green beans?” Do you ever live your Christian life trying to get by with the bare minimum? Can you identify with the expert in the Law or with the first two characters in this parable? We can say we love God and others, but do we really live out these commandments?

I. You can’t blame the Priest and the Levite.

- A. It’s dangerous – The elevation is significant. Many people describe their trips to Israel and explain this road is not a safe road for a casual walk. The Priest and the Levite have a good reason not to help the injured person on this rocky and dangerous road.



- B. Once they get back to town, they can handle this by organizing a committee to deal with problems. They will make this road a Community Improvement District.
 - C. No one will see their good works, so why should they do it? If you can't Instagram, Tweet, or post your good works on Facebook, are they really that good? (Insert personal story of questioning doing good when no one is around.)
 - D. It's a half dead person who doesn't need our help.
 - E. Jesus gives the same refrain for each of these characters: they came/saw/ passed by on the other side. 10:31-32.
- II. **Jesus introduces another way:** Martin Luther King, Jr. said of this passage that the Priest and the Levite's actions illustrate that they likely asked themselves, **"If I stop and help this man, what will happen to me?"** However, there is another character who enters the story, and he asked the question, **"If I do not stop and help this man, what will happen to him?"**¹
- A. The Samaritan reverses the pattern – He came/saw and instead of passing, he had compassion on him.
 - B. It's not really about the Good Samaritan, but rather the compassionate Samaritan. Compassion is the center of this story. Compassion is more than passion: it is where passion and action meet.
 - C. William Booth once said, **"Continually observe the sacrament of the Good Samaritan."** The secret to The Salvation Army's effectiveness and reputation in the public's eyes is simply this...we hear Jesus' command at the end of this passage, "Go and do likewise." Faith mixed with doing is the focus of this passage. Loving God with all that we are moves us to love people.
 - D. **"Listening authenticated by doing,"** Joel Green says, is the focus of this story.² That is listening made real by acts of mercy.
 - E. This focus is accentuated by the fact that this is a Samaritan. Jews loathed Samaritans and saw them as "half-breeds."
- III. **Experiencing the gospel:** This is what Jesus did for us. He came/saw and didn't pass by, *but* instead compassionately acted for us.
- A. When we were lying on the side of the road, Jesus came, saw, and acted for us. When we were beaten by life, Jesus came, saw, and acted for us. When we were left for dead by our own strength, Jesus came, saw, and acted. Jesus has come for you; He sees what is happening in your life and He has acted for you.
 - B. We are wanted by God. (Read SA Doctrine 6.)



IV. **Conclusion:** *We have the challenge of living out our love for God and our love for others. We don't just want to "get by." But, instead, we are free to receive God's love, give all of ourselves to God in return, and make ourselves fully available to be led in ministry by His Holy Spirit.*

A. Hopefully, our families will one day be able to say: *"No one needed to preach about the parable of the Good Samaritan to my family. We had lived it."*³

B. Application:

1. Start the day off reminding yourself that God loves you, and respond in love and surrender to Him. Have a Bible verse you read daily that reminds you of His love for you (1 John 4:7-16). Tell God you receive His love, and love Him back!
2. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead and direct you. Be open to His prompting throughout the day.
3. Find regular means of serving others (family life, opportunities at the corps, work, etc.). The lawyer asked the wrong question. It's not, "Who is my neighbor?" but, "How can I be a neighbor?" Jesus asked, "**Which of these three was a neighbor...?**" (10:36). Jesus responded and then answered the question: "**Go and do likewise**" (10:37).

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