

THIS Week...

This week we're featuring the 50th anniversary of *Sesame Street* and loving our neighbours.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSES: Luke 10:27, Romans 13:10 and Mark 12: 29-31

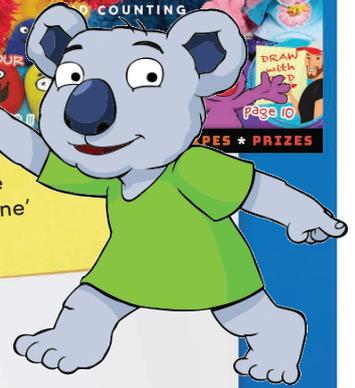
KEY WORDS: Neighbours and love

BEFORE today's lesson:

- Make sure you have all the materials you need for the 'Welcome Zone' and 'Fun Zone' activities.
- Gather together all the required ingredients for 'Grub Zone'.
- Have enough *Kidzone* magazines for every child!
- Print off the 'Beyond the Zone' cards

When preparing your program, consider each of the 'zones' and how they will best work in your context.

You may like to mix up the order in which you do the 'zones'. You will, however, need to remember the 'Welcome Zone' (obviously) needs to start the session, the 'Zone In' section needs to follow the 'God Zone', and the 'Beyond the Zone' happens at home. Have fun!



- Everyone knows *Sesame Street*, so create a fun atmosphere to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the iconic television show – borrow *Sesame Street* character toys or merchandise to put around the room, hang up posters etc.
- Photocopy enlarged coloured copies of the front cover of *Kidzone* featuring the *Sesame Street* gang to hang on the wall with a few balloons for a quick way to create a great atmosphere.
- Play some of the well-known *Sesame Street* songs as background music; e.g. 'Can you tell me how to get to Sesame Street', 'Rubber Duckie'.
- Collect or buy from a nursery supplier enough flat rocks for the kids to paint. Make sure the rocks are clean. An alternative idea is to use thick cardboard cut into shapes.
- Bring a rubbish bin or other container and ball (or scrunched up-paper) for the trash can basketball game.

Have some paper and pencils available on tables. As the children start to arrive, give each one a *Kidzone* and invite them to try the 'Draw with Rod' on page 10 or do the colouring competition on page 13.

Go to pages 8 and 9 and look at all the fun facts about *Sesame Street* in the coloured circles. Ask these as questions and see how many of the children know the answers, e.g. "Who knows what Elmo's favourite food is?" Mention that all these characters are neighbours, and we're going to learn who our neighbours are this week.

GRUBZONE^{kz}

Use time to get to know your group.

MAKE: Trash can puddings (find the recipe on page 10).

You could consider making up the dessert mix beforehand and getting the kids to spoon into cups and decorate.

FUNZONE^{kz}

Choose an activity, based on the theme, to do in smaller groups.

MAKE *Sesame Street* rocks (find the instructions on page 10).

READ what Oliver says in the green section of page 11.

PLAY Trash can basketball (instructions on page 12).

 **PLAY** hospital tag or chain tag (instructions on page 12).

 **CHAT** with the kids about the fun games you can play with kids in your neighbourhood and friends at school and church. What was the best part about playing these games today? Winning might be one answer, but the best part is getting to play with other kids.

Chat to them about how we can make sure everyone has a good time in big group games (like those suggested). It's important to make sure everyone is happy, gets a turn and is not left out – because that's how we like to be treated, isn't it? Jesus talks about how important it is to look after our neighbours and today we're going to learn that our neighbours are all sorts of people, not just the people who live in our street or who are our friends.

 **READ** 'Beady's Crash-Landing' on pages 4 and 5.

 **READ** the message in the blue circle.

 **LOOK UP** the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) and talk to the children about neighbours being people we don't even know.

 **READ** the Bible reading: Luke 10:27 again.

 **DISCUSS** ways that we can show we care for our 'neighbours'.

 **DISCUSS** times when people have been kind and cared for us, especially people we don't know well. An example could be people giving us flowers if we've been unwell, acknowledging an achievement etc.

 **DISCUSS** ways to care for 'neighbours' we don't know.

Some ideas could be: putting a gift under the Kmart Wishing Tree at Christmas for children in need; bringing food for hampers if your corps collects non-perishables; supporting a sponsor child etc.

 **PRAY:** Finish by thanking God for our neighbours and ask him to show us ways to care for them.



GODZONE^{kz}



ZONEIN^{kz}



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 We'd love to see some photos of your *Kidzone* Club members enjoying the activities to include in the *Kidzone* magazine!

Email a picture of your group to cheryl.tinker@aus.salvationarmy.org

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BEYOND^{the}ZONE^{kz}



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