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## Love God, love your neighbor

In today's gospel reading, we hear this commandment:

"You shall love the Lord your  
God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul,  
and with all your strength,  
and with all your mind;  
and your neighbor as yourself."



*Luke 10:27 (NRSV)*

## How can we love our neighbors?

Neighbors can be family, friends, classmates, people in need, church friends, teammates, coaches, and teachers. Can you think of other neighbors?



Look in the adult bulletin or local paper for a way adults and children can serve community neighbors in need.



*Dear Jesus, help us see you in our neighbor. Amen*

## This week

Invite a neighbor or friend to worship with you.

# Kids Celebrate

Lectionary 15



## gather

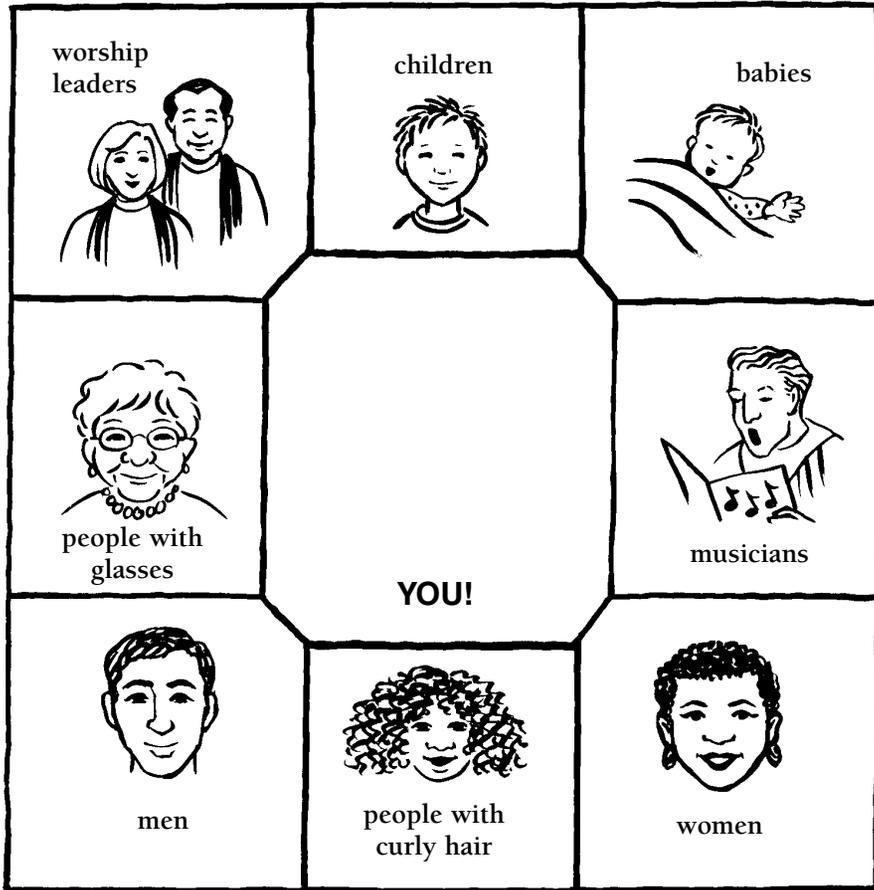
**Welcome to worship.** In worship we say or sing the prayer "Lord, have mercy." Every time we pray, "Lord, have mercy," our prayers ripple out farther and farther. We pray for ourselves, our neighbors with us at worship, and our neighbors in all parts of the world.



**Color one ripple of water each time you pray, "Lord, have mercy."**

## Who is welcome here?

Someone asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). We ask the same thing when we wonder, "Who is welcome at worship?" Jesus welcomes EVERYONE!



Look around today. Circle each space above when you find someone who fits each description. Be sure to draw your own picture in the center. You are welcome here as one of God's children.

## Who is my neighbor?

Nikki looked across the street and saw a big moving truck. New people were moving into the house where Nikki's best friend used to live. Nikki saw one of her new neighbors, a girl, sitting on the front steps and crying. She looked lonely. Later, Nikki and her mom took cookies to welcome the new family. Nikki helped her new friend unpack her boxes. She was glad to help her neighbor!



Circle nine things that begin with the letter N.