

Nursing Home Ministry

Intergenerational Connections

Use these quarterly lesson plans to enhance your nursing home outreach and the activity tips found in NCBAM's Nursing Home Ministry "Passport" brochure.



These lessons explore the biblical call to **honor** the aged, **minister** to the aged, **learn** from the aged, and **witness** to the aged.

As we engage all generations in honoring and serving older adults, we not only bless those we minister to—we will also gain wisdom from their experiences and open the door to sharing the love of Jesus.



ADULT

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HONOR THE AGED

Theme: Honoring and respecting the elderly shows reverence for God.

Key Verse: "You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I am the LORD." Leviticus 19:32

Opening Reflection:

How might honoring an older person demonstrate a fear of God?

What is significant about the reminder, "I am the LORD" in Leviticus 19:32?

Scripture Study:

- Proverbs 20:29 – Both young and old have unique strengths
- 1 Timothy 5:1 – Familial relationships within the church promote unity

Application:

- Seek the counsel of elders and show that you value their experiences.
- Show genuine interest when older people share their thoughts and experiences.

Reflection

How can I demonstrate fear of the Lord by honoring older people?

MINISTER TO THE AGED

Theme: Ministering to the aged is part of living out our faith and embodying Christ's compassion.

Key Verse: "As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another." 1 Peter 4:10

Opening Reflection:

- What needs do you see among the elderly in your church or neighborhood?
- Do you view caregiving as ministry?

Scripture Study:

- 1 Timothy 5:3–8 — Instructions for caring for widows
- Luke 10:25–37 — The Good Samaritan

Application:

- Are there elderly members who feel forgotten?
- How can the church mobilize to better care for them?

Challenge: Identify someone to visit, call, or encourage this week.

Reflection

How can I use my gifts to serve an elderly person this week?

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LEARN FROM THE AGED

Theme: Learning from the aged enriches the whole body of Christ and affirms their value.

Key Verse: “Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.” Hebrews 13:7

Opening Reflection:

- Do we make space in our churches to learn from older saints?
- Have you sought mentorship from an elder believer?

Scripture Study:

- Psalm 71:17–18 — The aged declare God’s power to the next generation
- Titus 2:1–5 — Older men and women teach younger believers

Application:

- How might we intentionally build cross-generational learning in our church?
- Who can you learn from this season?

Reflection

Whose faith can I learn from and imitate this week?

WITNESS TO THE AGED

Theme: The elderly, including those in care facilities, are part of our mission field. The gospel is for them, too.

Key Verse: “Do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord...” — 2 Timothy 1:8

Reflection:

- Do you think of nursing homes as places for evangelism?
- What barriers keep us from sharing Christ with the aged?

Scripture Study:

- Luke 14:12–14 — Invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind
- 2 Timothy 4:2 — Be prepared in season and out of season

Application:

- Plan a visit or letter-writing campaign with your church to share Christ’s love.
- Train members to share their testimony simply and clearly with all ages.

Reflection

Where can I be unashamed to speak about my relationship with Christ this week—even to someone older?