

# 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.



# GRADES 6-12

*(Honor the Aged, Minister to the Aged, Learn from the Aged, Witness to the Aged)*

## HONOR THE AGED

**Theme:** God calls us to honor, care for, and respect the elderly.

**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

**Discussion Starter:** What would you do or say if you heard someone making fun of an older person?

**Bible Example:**

- (Ruth 1:16) Ruth's devotion to her mother-in-law, Naomi, is an example of honoring the elderly. Ruth, a young woman, chose to leave her own people and culture to care for Naomi, an older woman who had lost her husband and sons.

**Application:**

- What special challenges might widows or widowers face?
- How can we show kindness to them?

**Challenge:** Write down one way you will honor an older person this week.

**Take-Home Card**

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## MINISTER TO THE AGED

**Theme:** God calls us to actively care for the elderly, especially those who are frail or alone.

**Key Verse:** "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

**Discussion Starter:**

- "What Would You Do?" Present students with a real-life scenario (e.g., a neighbor who uses a walker and needs help with yard work). Ask what they would do and why.

**Bible Example:**

- The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) Even when others pass by, the Samaritan stops and helps. Jesus says, "Go and do likewise."

**Application:**

- How can we "carry burdens" for the elderly in our church?
- What makes us hesitate to help sometimes?

**Challenge:** Write down one way you will serve someone older this week.

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## LEARN FROM THE AGED

**Theme:** God often teaches us through the wisdom and life experience of older believers.

**Key Verse:** "Wisdom is with aged men, and with length of days, understanding." Job 12:12

**Discussion Starter:**

- Who is the wisest older person you know?
- What makes their advice meaningful?

**Bible Example:**

- Naomi and Ruth (Ruth 2–3) Naomi gives Ruth guidance that changes her life. Ruth listens, acts, and is blessed.

**Application:**

- Is it hard to listen to older people sometimes?
- What can we gain if we listen more intentionally?

**Challenge:** Interview a senior in your church or family. Ask what they've learned about God.

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## WITNESS TO THE AGED

**Theme:** The gospel is for everyone—including older people. We are called to share Christ with them respectfully and boldly.

**Key Verse:** "Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear." 1 Peter 3:15

**Discussion Starter:**

- Is it awkward to talk to older people about Jesus?
- What holds us back?

**Bible Example:**

- Paul and Lydia (Acts 16:13–15) "Paul shares the gospel with women by the river, and Lydia believes."

**Application:**

- What are gentle and respectful ways to witness to older adults?
- Could you share your testimony or a favorite verse with someone older?

**Challenge:** Write down a short testimony or Bible verse to share during a visit.

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– *Leviticus 19:32*

Question:

**"How can I show honor to an older person this week?"**

## MINISTER TO THE AGED

Key Verse:

**"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."**

– *Galatians 6:2*

Question:

**"Who in your life needs your help this week?"**

## LEARN FROM THE AGED

Key Verse:

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– *Job 12:12*

Question:

**"What wisdom can I receive this week?"**

## WITNESS TO THE AGED

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**"Who needs to hear from me about Jesus this week?"**



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