

# 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 PREK-5

*(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

**Intro Activity:** Empathy for the Elderly. Ask children to imagine what it would be like to not see or hear well, or to have trouble walking or speaking. Invite them to walk slowly, try to pick up a pencil with gloves on, cover one eye, or wear ear muffs. Ask them how this feels.

**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.

**Discuss:**

- How did Ruth show love to Naomi?
- What are ways that we can help older people?

**Stick Puppets:** Children color Ruth and Naomi on paper, cut out, glue to craft sticks, and retell the story.

**Take-Home Card**

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## MINISTER TO THE AGED

**Theme:** God wants us to serve and help older people with kindness.

**Key Verse:** "Through love, serve one another." Galatians 5:13

**Intro Activity:** "Helping Hands" Children trace their hands on paper and write or draw one way they can help an older adult (e.g., carry groceries, draw a picture, say hello).

**Bible Example:**

- Jesus Heals a Woman (Luke 13:10-17) Jesus notices and heals a woman who had been bent over for 18 years. He shows care for her even when others don't understand.

**Discuss:**

- How did Jesus treat the older woman?
- What are ways we can be kind to people who are older than us?

**Craft:** Draw a picture of yourself helping an older person.

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## LEARN FROM THE AGED

**Theme:** Older people have wisdom and stories that help us learn about God and life.

**Key Verse:** "Ask your father, and he will show you; your elders, and they will tell you." Deuteronomy 32:7

**Intro Activity:** "Interview a Grandparent" Practice asking simple questions like "What was church like when you were little?"

**Bible Example:**

- Timothy and His Grandmother Lois (2 Timothy 1:5) Paul reminds Timothy of the sincere faith passed down from his grandmother and mother.

**Craft:** Make a "thank you" card for an older person to thank them for their wisdom.

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## WITNESS TO THE AGED

**Theme:** Even older people need to hear about Jesus' love.

**Key Verse:** "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

**Intro Activity:** "Jesus Loves You Poster" Make simple posters with hearts, crosses, and the words "Jesus Loves You" to give to a nursing home or older church member.

**Bible Example:**

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

**Discuss:**

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

**Craft:** Create a card that says, "Jesus loves you and so do I!"

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Question:

Who can I show honor to this week?

## MINISTER TO THE AGED

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- *Galatians 5:13*

Question:

“Who can I help this week?”

## LEARN FROM THE AGED

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Mission:

“Ask someone older to tell you a story.”

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“Who can I tell about Jesus this week?”



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