

Reading through God's Rainbow of Love

Rainbow Response Options | Choose one or more ways below to respond to each story.

Theme Verse: "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 NRSVUE

Reflection Section:


Questions for deeper reflection. Think about them on a walk, journal, draw, or talk to a friend or as a family. Whatever feels right. Just be sure to give the questions a few minutes of your undivided attention.

- I wonder what this story has in common with other stories you have read in the Bible?
- I wonder what your favorite part of this story is?
- I wonder where you are in this story?
- I wonder who the neighbor is in this story?
- What are some ways everyone in this story is being included in God's love?
- Who do you notice is being included in God's love in this story?
- How is God's love being shared with others in this story?

Imagination Station:

Create artwork with rainbows as you think about how much God loves you and ways you can include others in God's love. For inspiration check out: <https://www.pinterest.com/olybeth/rainbows/>

Outdoor Adventure:

Option One: Keep your eye out for things that remind you of God's love — like rainbows! 

Option Two: Share God's love with a next door neighbor by doing something nice or kind for them.

Option Three: Draw a rainbow using sidewalk chalk.

Kitchen Connection:

Option One: Invite friends over for a meal. Say a prayer of thanks before you eat. Sample: *"Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest and let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen."* Or, *"Thank you, God, for this food and our time together with friends. Thank you for loving us. Amen."*

Option Two: Create a rainbow with food! Roast a rainbow of veggies, arrange fruit pieces into a rainbow shape. Bake rainbow cookies. Think about God's promise of love and care that includes everyone.

Option Three: Donate food or needed items to the Food Bank or through First Fruits Sunday.

Faith Practices:

Option One: Say hello to people at church. Smile and wave. Help everyone feel welcome — even people you don't know. With a parent or guardian, help your family meet someone new to you.

Option Two: Think about people you know who might not have a church home. Invite them to join you at Gloria Dei this summer: worship, VBS, fellowship, the Rainbow Party, or even read these stories together!

Option Three: Light a candle and say a prayer. Thank God for whatever is on your mind. Ask God to help you include others in God's love. Consider a Skittles® or S'mores or Beach Ball Prayer for fun!