



A Golden Heart

Cut two hearts from construction paper, one black and the other golden (or red). Glue or tape the hearts together, back to back. Tell your children that whenever someone hurts another person with words or actions, it is like having a black heart just then. But when a person is kind to another person, thinking kindly about him or doing him a favor, it is like having a beautiful golden heart.

Retell the story of the Good Samaritan and ask the child to show you which color the priest showed when he walked on by? What about the Levite? What about the Samaritan? What about the innkeeper?

After explaining the idea of the golden heart, let your child make applications in his own life. For example, if he makes an unwilling apology (and his "Sorry" sounds angry), you might ask whether that "Sorry" sounded like a black heart or a golden heart? Let your child think about it and let him decide.