

# I Love My Neighborhood!



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Did you know that every child  
Lives in a community,  
A place they call a "neighborhood"?  
Read along and you will see!



We live in different places.  
Each one is very good.  
God says we should love everyone  
Who lives in our neighborhood.



Love your  
Neighbor  
as yourself



God's whole Law is fulfilled  
By obeying this command:  
"Love your neighbor as yourself,"  
Across this great big land!



No matter where you live,  
God loves your neighbors through you.  
Now let's meet some new friends,  
Who love their neighbors, too.



Hi, my name is Jordon.  
I live on a big farm.  
When the sun comes up at dawn,  
A rooster's our alarm!



The farm across the road  
Belongs to Luke and Mary Jo.  
They are kind and friendly,  
And always on the go!



The next farm down the road  
Belongs to Mr. Green.  
My friend says, "Stay away from him,  
For he is really mean!"





He just moved in this year,  
And doesn't wave or talk.  
I say, "Hello!" each time we pass,  
When we are on our walk.



"He can't be all that bad,"  
My dad said with a wink.  
"Let's go and introduce ourselves,  
And offer a lemonade drink."



Mr. Green is really nice.  
We talked for quite a while.  
"I have a hard time seeing," he said,  
As he smiled a great big smile.





Getting to know your neighbors  
Is fun and right and good.  
Whenever I meet a neighbor, I shout:  
"I love my neighborhood!"



No matter where you live,  
Jesus knew you'd be right there.  
There's a lot that you can do  
To show neighbors that you care!



Hi, my name's Sebastian.  
Big city life's for me.  
I live in an apartment,  
Way up high above the trees.



My neighborhood is busy,  
People walking everywhere.  
There's lots of shops to buy things,  
Like toys and clothes to wear!



Here are fresh vegetables and fruit.  
Mrs. Prophete owns this stand.  
She greets each person with her smile,  
And always shakes your hand.





When we buy fruit from her,  
She likes to tell the story,  
Of all that God has done for us,  
His kingdom and His glory.



Two boys ran past the stand,  
Hit it, and knocked it down.  
There were oranges, grapes, and berries  
Scattered all across the ground.



Mrs. Prophete shook her head,  
As one boy ran away.  
But the other boy stood still because  
He knew that he should stay.





As he gathered up the fruit,  
I chose to lend a hand.  
Together we worked side by side,  
Placing fruit back on the stand.



Helping one another  
Felt right and really good.  
We smiled at each other and shouted:  
"I love my neighborhood!"



No matter where you live,  
God wants you to be good.  
To lend a hand and be a help,  
Throughout your neighborhood!



Now's the time for you, my friend:  
Get out and do your part.  
You can make a difference,  
When others see your heart.



My sister and I live in the county.  
I'm Nina; she's Lila Marie.  
We know most of our neighbors.  
They're awesome, as you'll see.





Next door lives my friend, Judah.  
He has a sister and two brothers.  
We all play in the cul-de-sac,  
With many of the others.



The Rojas are my neighbors.  
They live across the way.  
They tell us lots of stories,  
And don't mind when we play.



Now both of them speak Spanish.  
They talk to us and teach us,  
"Do as we do and say, 'Good day,'  
By saying, 'Buenos días!'"





I see a new girl just moved in.  
Mr. Roja said she's sweet.  
But no one went to talk to her,  
As she stood there by the street.



I ran right up and said, "Hello!  
I'm Nina. What's your name?  
Come now and join the others,  
And we'll play a brand-new game!"



Mr. Johnson smiled and said,  
"New friends are always good."  
Then I cheered and shouted out,  
"I love my neighborhood!"



Do you know your neighbors?  
Can you truly say you do?  
If not, just introduce yourself.  
You'll make friends who are new!



We all can take a walk,  
Pick up trash along the way.  
Love our neighbors as ourselves,  
Help each other everyday.



God says to love everyone,  
No matter rich or poor.  
They might live way down the street,  
Or even right next door.





If a neighbor lives alone,  
Wave your hand and say, "Hello!"  
Spend some time just chatting;  
God's love you'll always show.



Share your faith in action:  
Visit neighbors, share your time.  
There's lots that you can do,  
Spreading love and being kind.





How about helping out?  
Ask a neighbor if you can.  
"Is there something I can do for you,  
By giving you a hand?"



We have lots to do today.  
We can be kind, helpful, and good.  
Let's all say it together:  
"I love my neighborhood!"

This booklet's catchy and clever verses give kids some great examples in loving their neighbors and the neighborhoods where they live. Beautiful illustrations highlight key actions kids can do to show concern for others and reflect the love of Jesus in what they do and say. Being a good neighbor is all about loving our neighborhoods, and it's something kids can learn and practice every day.

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