A Golden Heart
(Luke 10:30-37)

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. Whenever someone hurts another person with words or actions, it is like having a black heart just then.

Materials
- gold (or red) construction paper
- black construction paper
- optional: heart template
- scissors
- glue or tape

Procedure
1. Cut two hearts from construction paper for each child, one black and the other golden (or red).
2. Glue or tape the hearts together, back to back.
3. When each child has one of the hearts, retell the story of the Good Samaritan (see Luke 10:30-37).

Discussion
Ask the children to show you which color heart people showed:
- The priest when he walked by the Good Samaritan?
- The Levite?
- What about the Samaritan?
- What about the innkeeper?

Talk about ways this story may apply to our lives. For example, if a person makes an unwilling apology (and his “Sorry” sounds angry), would that be like having a black heart or a golden heart? Let the children think about it and decide.