

## **Day 2: Jesus Meets Us in the Neighbor On the borders between neighbors**

This service is based on the worship and devotional practices of the people of India.

### **Materials and preparation**

Have available finger cymbals and bells (traditional Indian bells are best but any bell will do). Drums are traditional to Indian music, as well. Add them if available. Have one group prepare to act out the good Samaritan story as it is read.

### **Call to worship**

Ring bells to summon the participants.

### **Songs**

Sing songs and hymns as the people gather, and while you're waiting for the others to arrive. People in the villages of India walk to services, and it often takes quite a while for them to assemble.

### **Invocation**

Begin the invocation when all are assembled.

Leader: Behold and see the love of God

Oh people, understand it

And tell others about it

Totally and fully believe it

We will receive life in heaven

(Adapted from Hymn 147 in the *Andhra Christian Hymnal*.)

### **Song**

Teach "Border Bhajan" (page 37 in this section) using both the Indian language Telugu (TEL-e-GOO) and English. Add finger cymbals.

Leader: In India, people sing prayer songs called *bhajans* (BUJ-uns). A *bhajan* may be ancient, with its tune and words going back thousands of years. Or a *bhajan* may be brand new, created by someone in the present day. It is not unusual for a family to sing a *bhajan* all night long, in a special time called *satsang* (SAUT-sangh). They will sing it together while they are cooking supper, and someone will continue it while others are sleeping. The *bhajan* shows their devotion in prayer, and the *bhajans* hold them in the presence of the divine. Christians write *bhajans* about Jesus Christ, and God the Father and the Holy Spirit.

### **Message**

#### **Reading**

Read Luke 10:25-37. Choose one group to act out the parable while it is read. They should have gone over it and developed a mime in Bible study today.

### **Song**

"Praise God, Praise Him" (*LBW* 529) is from India. It was written in Tamil, another language of India. It is an excellent tune for camp singing.

## **Prayers**

*(The leader part is in regular type, responses are in bold.)*

O God, you are everywhere and you are Lord over all people and all creation.

God of all, **we pray to you.**

Teach us to love and care for all people.

God of all, **we pray to you.**

Thank you for all the ways in which others care for us and for one another.

God of all, **we pray to you.**

Bring peace and care between all people.

God of all, **we pray to you.**

On every side of every border on earth, you are there.

God of all, **we pray to you.**

Walk with those who cross borders and are in danger.

God of all, **we pray to you.**

Be with this camp and all of us, and inspire in us faith.

God of all, **we pray to you.**

Be with our loved ones at home, and with the children in India.

God of all, **we pray to you.**

Into your hands we lay our spirits, trusting in you, O Lord, through Jesus Christ. **Amen**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Pray the Lord's Prayer together.

## **Benediction**

Leader: Behold and see the love of God

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Dismiss with the "Border Bhajan" or "Praise Him" music in the background, including cymbals and drums.