



A good neighbor is one who is there for his or her neighbors. God does not use the term lightly, nor does He restrict it to one's local community. A good neighbor is one who helps and serves in good times and bad.

You may be surprised that the Bible has much to say about neighbors. In fact, Jesus presented an entire parable to show how important it is to be neighborly; and not only that, He showed how being a good neighbor figures into inheriting eternal life!

A lawyer asked Jesus what he needed to do to receive eternal life. Jesus answered him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:26-27).

What kind of neighbor do you want to be? If you're going to be a good neighbor, what does that entail? Remember is that not everyone in our neighborhood will be like us, which means it is important to get to know the people in our neighborhoods. Learning about and getting to know our neighbors can help us become better neighbors.

It is a blessing to have a good neighbor, but it is even a greater thing to BE a good neighbor. Good neighbors often become friends. They watch out for each other, lend a helping hand and are there for advice when asked. Neighbors offer that cup of sugar when we are short, collect our packages when we are on vacation, watch our homes and sometimes watch our children and our pets. Simply put, being a good neighbor makes good neighbors and develops lifelong friendships.

Are you a good neighbor? See if you are a good neighbor by playing "Good Neighbor Game". It's a fun activity that you can play as a family to help teach your children to be a good neighbor as well. Enjoy!

Preparation:

1. Print out game board and game instructions.
2. Cut out game board and game instructions and trim where needed.
3. Label a file folder with the name of the game on the tab.
4. Glue the game instructions that are attached to the front of the file folder.
5. Open the folder and glue the game board down in the appropriate spots (left side/right side).
6. Store game pieces in a plastic bag for safe keeping. Playing pieces can be coins, colored buttons, game pieces from other games, fish rocks for the bottom of aquariums, craft foam cut into shapes, glass rocks for

vases, etc. You can paint small objects such as rocks, small plastic tops or caps, etc. You can also buy pawns at game stores. Use only one (1) die for this game.

7. Open the folder and laminate or cover with clear contact paper to make it last.

8. Use these cards or make your own. Print out SITUATION cards on light blue card stock. Print out CHANCE cards on light yellow card stock.

9. Print out several pages of GOOD DEED tokens on card stock.

10. Cut out cards and tokens. Laminate or cover with clear contact paper to make them last. Store them separately in plastic bags.

Directions- Print out Directions and trim where needed. Glue the game instructions to the front of file folder. Laminate or cover with clear contact paper to make it last.

Good Neighbor Game Board- Print out Game Board and glue on the inside of a file folder. Laminate or cover with clear contact paper to make it last.

Chance Cards- Print out CHANCE cards on light yellow card stock. Cut out and laminate or cover with clear contact paper. Use these cards or make your own.

Situation Cards- Print out SITUATION cards on light blue card stock. Cut out and laminate or cover with clear contact paper. Use these cards or make your own.

Good Deed Tokens- Print out several pages of Good Deed Tokens on card stock. Cut out and laminate or cover with clear contact paper.



How To Play: Separate cards and tokens and put in 3 small baskets near the game board. Place your marker on START. Determine who goes first and play moves clockwise. The player to your left draws a SITUATION card and reads it out loud. On the cards are situations that you must state what you should do as a good neighbor would do. If you answer the question correctly, you roll the die and move the number indicated on the die. If you are not correct, you stay where you are and try again on your next turn. If the player lands on a CHANCE space, they draw a CHANCE card and read it out loud. The player then must do what the card says (move forward, move back or lose a token). If a player lands on GOOD DEED they receive a Good Deed token for doing a good deed for their neighbors which in turn will hopefully spread more acts of kindness throughout the neighborhood. If a player lands on a space that another player is on, be a good neighbor and take the nearest space behind them that is not occupied. The first player to FINISH with the most Good Deed tokens wins the Good Neighbor Award.

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Good Deed

FINISH



CHANCE



Good Deed

CHANCE



Good Neighbor

Good Deed



CHANCE



Good Deed



CHANCE



Good Deed



Good Deed

START



CHANCE



Good Deed

Good Deed

Game



CHANCE



Situation Cards

<p>You have items (garbage and recycling containers, building and gardening materials, etc.) in your driveway and in front of your home.</p> <p>(Put your things away where they are not visible. Your neighbors do not want to see your clutter and garbage/recycling containers.)</p>	<p>A neighbor complains to you about something that you did.</p> <p>(Be calm, listen to them and not react defensively. Try to work out a solution that works for both of you.)</p>
<p>You are going to have a big party at your house. What should a good neighbor do?</p> <p>(Be considerate and contact your neighbors to let them know about it.)</p>	<p>You are a landlord and your renter will not follow the HOA rules.</p> <p>(It is your responsibility to educate them and see that they comply.)</p>
<p>You borrow something from your neighbor.</p> <p>(You return the item immediately after using it.)</p>	<p>You keep your portable basketball hoop on the sidewalk or street.</p> <p>(You remove it or if it is allowed put it in an upright position at least ½ the length of the driveway away from the street. It helps property values and is not a safety hazard for others.)</p>
<p>You have items stored on the common area.</p> <p>(Remove the items and put them away. Having these items on the common areas is not only costly and an eyesore, but hazardous to other members of the community.)</p>	<p>You would like to make some changes to the exterior of your home. What should you do?</p> <p>(You do not start your project until you obtain approval in writing from the HOA.)</p>
<p>Your neighbor needs help with his yard work.</p> <p>(You ask him if you can help.)</p>	<p>You like to play music when you are outside.</p> <p>(Always keep the volume down so you will not bother your neighbors.)</p>

Situation Cards

<p>You have a very messy garage and like to keep your garage door open. (Avoid the habit of keeping it open. Extend a common courtesy to your neighbors who may not wish to regularly get an eyeful of your collection of boxes, garbage cans, junk, etc.)</p>	<p>What should you do when your pet is not in the confines of your property? (Keep them on a leash at all times.)</p>
<p>You park your boat/trailer/commercial vehicle in your driveway or in the street. (You remove it to another location or store it in your garage.)</p>	<p>Your dog pooped on your neighbor's yard. (Pick it up and dispose properly.)</p>
<p>Your neighbor left for work or vacation and have their garbage can out for pick up. The garbage men just came. (You put your neighbor's garbage can away where it is not visible.)</p>	<p>You park your vehicle in your driveway and it blocks the sidewalk access. (You move it so your neighbors are not forced to walk into the street. It is a significant safety issue and also against the law.)</p>
<p>You are having a problem with your neighbor. What should you do first? (Talk to your neighbor in person. Start here rather than resorting to a nasty note or a call to the police that will be sure to permanently strain your relationship.)</p>	<p>Trash from your garbage can is blowing around the neighborhood. (Pick it up and make sure that any garbage you throw into the trash container is sealed in a tied-off trash bag.)</p>
<p>You are out for a walk and notice trash in the neighborhood. (You pick it up and dispose properly.)</p>	<p>It is getting late and your outdoor party is rather loud. (Bring the festivities inside to contain some of the noise and turn down the music.)</p>

Situation Cards

<p>Your neighbor starts to annoy you on a regular basis. What should you do?</p> <p>(Introduce yourself and let your neighbor know what bothers you. Keep the conversation friendly and polite. Come up with ways to solve the problem together.)</p>	<p>You park your vehicle in front of a fire hydrant in the neighborhood.</p> <p>(You move it. You cannot park a vehicle in front a fire hydrant, it is against the law.)</p>
<p>You want to cut down a tree on your property.</p> <p>(You obtain HOA approval first and have the stump removed or grounded to below the surface.)</p>	<p>Your siding, fence, sidewalk, and driveway are dirty.</p> <p>(You power wash them clean.)</p>
<p>You leave cut grass on your lawn, driveway, sidewalk, and the street.</p> <p>(You remove the cut grass and dispose properly.)</p>	<p>Your flowerbeds are full of weeds.</p> <p>(You pull all the weeds and dispose properly.)</p>
<p>You dump your yard debris in the common area.</p> <p>(You pick it all up and dispose properly. Having these items on the common areas is not only costly and an eyesore, but hazardous to other members of the community.)</p>	<p>A new neighbor just moved in next door.</p> <p>(You go over and welcome them to the neighborhood and introduce yourself.)</p>
<p>You see someone let their dog poop on your yard and they did not pick it up.</p> <p>(You ask them nicely to please pick up after their pet.)</p>	<p>You pile your firewood against your neighbor's fence.</p> <p>(You move your firewood so it will not damage their fence. This can prevent further problems such as termites and carpenter ants.)</p>

Situation Cards

<p>A package was delivered to your door and it is for your neighbor.</p> <p>(You take it to your neighbor.)</p>	<p>You borrow something from your neighbor and you accidentally broke it.</p> <p>(Pay to fix it or replace the item.)</p>
<p>You neighbor is on vacation and their yard needs mowing.</p> <p>(You mow their lawn as a good neighbor should.)</p>	<p>Your neighbor had a tree fall in their yard from a storm.</p> <p>(You go over and ask if they need some help cleaning it up.)</p>
<p>Your next door neighbor's teenager's music is so loud it rattles your windows.</p> <p>(You go over to your neighbor's and nicely ask them to please turn down their music.)</p>	<p>Your dog pooped in your neighbor's yard.</p> <p>(You pick it up and dispose properly.)</p>
<p>Your children leave their toys and sports equipment all over your yard and in front of your house.</p> <p>(You have your children put all of them away each and every time they use them. Your neighbors do not want to see your clutter.)</p>	<p>Your neighbor's trash can is blowing around as well as their garbage.</p> <p>(You pick up the trash, put it in their trash can, and place the trash can where it will not blow over until collection.)</p>
<p>You have leaves all over your yard and flowerbeds.</p> <p>(You rake/blow the leaves and dispose properly.)</p>	<p>Your neighbor's kids are making a lot of noise outside.</p> <p>(You ask them nicely if they would please keep the noise down.)</p>

Situation Cards

<p>When faced with passive-aggressive actions from your neighbors, what should you do?</p> <p>(You can be the grown-up in the situation and address the issue directly in a calm, composed manor.)</p>	<p>Your next door neighbor does not agree with the property boundary between your Lots.</p> <p>(You have the property lines marked by a licensed surveyor and get a Lot Plat.)</p>
<p>Your neighbor's kid practices playing his drums and it drives you crazy.</p> <p>(Go over to your neighbors. Be polite and let them know that it bothers you. Come up with ways to solve the problem together. Be willing to compromise because they must practice at some time. Maybe when you are at work, etc.?)</p>	<p>You slam your car doors or play your music loud early in the morning or late at night.</p> <p>(You avoid these actions and be considerate of your neighbors.)</p>
<p>You over-rev the engine of your car or motorcycle early in the morning or late at night.</p> <p>(Avoid these actions and be considerate of your neighbors.)</p>	<p>You do not control your bonfire, barbecue or backyard fire allowing smoke and smells to blow onto your neighbor's property.</p> <p>(Make sure that you position it where the smoke and smell will least likely blow onto your neighbor's property. Be considerate when you are doing open air burning to avoid possible disputes with your neighbors.)</p>
<p>You accidentally put your garbage cans out after it has been collected.</p> <p>(You put the garbage cans away and make sure next time you get them out the right day and time.)</p>	<p>You just heard about important neighborhood information.</p> <p>(You share this information with your neighbor to keep them informed.)</p>
<p>You put your garbage and recycling containers at the curb whenever you feel like it.</p> <p>(Only put your garbage and recycling out on the evening before it's due for collection. Your neighbors do not like to see them.)</p>	<p>You allow your dog or cat to run rampant in the neighborhood.</p> <p>(Keep your pet on your property or on a leash when off your property at all times.)</p>

Situation Cards

<p>You use the neighborhood group Facebook page to constantly complain about your neighbors or post snarky comments.</p> <p>(This sort of commentary can cause a rift among neighbors. Be civil on social media. It's a great place to learn about your community, sell items that you want to get rid of and get recommendations for repair/maintenance services.)</p>	<p>You obtained HOA approval and you are having a tree cut down in your yard. What else should you do?</p> <p>(Always notify your neighbor ahead of time about anything that might remotely affect them.)</p>
<p>You make a lot of unnecessary noise at all times.</p> <p>(Good neighbors are aware that there are other people living in the neighborhood and keep noise to a minimum.)</p>	<p>You ignore your neighbors and respond rudely or turn to passive aggressive retaliation methods.</p> <p>(Good neighbors never behave in this way. They always try to be nice and get along with others.)</p>
<p>Your neighbor is out raking the leaves in their yard.</p> <p>(Ask them if they need help.)</p>	<p>You see your kids playing in your neighbor's yard by themselves.</p> <p>(Tell your kids it is not being respectful to your neighbor's property and they are not to do it again unless they are playing with their kids.)</p>
<p>You leave your garbage and recycling cans out for days after collection.</p> <p>(You always put them away after collection as soon as you are able. Your neighbors do not like to see them.)</p>	<p>Your neighbor comes over and yells at you. They accuse you of doing something wrong.</p> <p>(Listen, do not yell back, and don't get defensive. Calmly come up with a solution together to resolve the issue.)</p>
<p>You received mail in your box that is addressed to your neighbor.</p> <p>(You take the mail to your neighbor.)</p>	<p>You just received an invoice to pay your HOA dues.</p> <p>(You pay them on time to help maintain the quality of life for the community's residents and protect property values for all owners.)</p>

Situation Cards

<p>You want to install a satellite dish on your property.</p> <p>(You obtain HOA approval before you install it.)</p>	<p>You clear and mow the Common Area behind your home.</p> <p>(You stop doing this. The use privilege granted to each member of the Association is one of passive use of all Common Areas and it in no way entitles residents to mow, clear, dig up, remove trees and plants from or in any other way abuse the Common Areas.)</p>
<p>You have flowerbeds, a walkway, bird feeders, etc. on the Common Area.</p> <p>(You remove them. The use privilege granted to each member of the Association is one of passive use of all Common Areas and it in no way entitles residents to construct upon, mow, clear, dig up, store items, dump debris, remove trees and plants from or in any other way abuse the Common Areas.)</p>	<p>You love to gossip about your neighbors.</p> <p>(Part of being a good neighbor is avoiding gossip. Gossip can spread negative rumors and hurt others.)</p>
<p>You do not know the rules and regulations of the community.</p> <p>(You educate yourself and learn the HOA rules. Breaking your association's rules can cause problems with your neighbors.)</p>	<p>You have knee-high grass, overflowing gutters, dirty siding, peeling paint and toys scattered across your front yard.</p> <p>(You should keep your house nice and neat as much as possible. One ugly home in a community can reduce property values for the entire neighborhood. Plus, it can also cause problems with your neighbors.)</p>
<p>You store your firewood on the common area.</p> <p>(You move it and store it on your own property. Having items stored on the common areas is not only costly and an eyesore, but hazardous to other members of the community.)</p>	<p>Your neighbor is leaving for vacation and they need someone to take care of their cat.</p> <p>(You offer to take care of their pet while they are gone.)</p>
<p>Your neighbor needs someone to babysit their children.</p> <p>(You offer to babysit for them.)</p>	<p>Your neighbor is on vacation and a package was delivered at their door.</p> <p>(You go over and get it and you will return it to them when they come home.)</p>

Chance Cards

<p>Your dog pooped on the sidewalk and you did not clean it up and dispose it properly. You lose your next turn.</p>	<p>You are a renter and you do not follow the HOA rules and regulations. Move back 3 spaces.</p>
<p>You honk your horn unnecessarily in the neighborhood, especially early in the morning. Your neighbors expect peace and quiet and do not like it when their tranquility is suddenly shattered with your loud car horn. Move back 2 spaces.</p>	<p>When driving through the neighborhood, you turn the volume on your car stereo down. Your neighbors should not associate your comings and goings with a thumping bass and rattling windows. Your neighbors also deserve peace and quiet. Move ahead 2 spaces.</p>
<p>You let your dog bark continually. This is a sure way to strain relations with your neighbor. Move back 3 spaces.</p>	<p>You speed through the neighborhood disregarding the safety of others. Move back 3 spaces.</p>
<p>You visit the HOA website and read the community newsletter to stay informed about your neighborhood. Move ahead 2 spaces.</p>	<p>You attend the Annual Meeting and monthly Board Meetings to stay informed about the community. Move ahead 2 spaces.</p>
<p>You volunteer to be on the HOA Board or be a committee member. Move ahead 3 spaces.</p>	<p>When you see your neighbor you say, "Hello". Move ahead 1 space.</p>

Chance Cards

<p>You gossip about your neighbors to others. Move back 3 spaces.</p>	<p>You mow your lawn at 7 AM. You should at least wait until 8 AM so you will not bother your neighbors. Move back 2 spaces.</p>
<p>You play your music loud when you are outside. You should keep the volume down so you will not bother your neighbors. Move back 2 spaces.</p>	<p>You let your pets wander onto your neighbor's yard. Not everyone is a dog or cat lover, so show responsibility for your pets. Keep them off the neighbor's lawn and pick up after them. Move back 3 spaces.</p>
<p>You know the HOA's rules and regulations and follow them. Move ahead 4 spaces.</p>	<p>You maintain the exterior of your house and lawn so it always looks nice. Move ahead 4 spaces.</p>
<p>You are respectful of your neighbors when you throw a party. You obey parking etiquette and keep the noise down. Move ahead 3 spaces.</p>	<p>You and your guests park your cars so that it blocks your neighbor's driveway. Move back 3 spaces.</p>
<p>You do not construct upon, mow, clear, dig up, store items, dump debris, remove trees and plants from or in any other way abuse the Common Areas. Move ahead 4 space.</p>	<p>You deposit your dog's poop bag into someone else's trash can. Move back 2 spaces.</p>

Chance Cards

<p>You plan or help out in a community event. Move ahead 2 spaces.</p>	<p>You store your garbage and recycling containers where they are not visible. Move ahead 2 spaces.</p>
<p>You blow off the sidewalk around the kiosk. Move ahead 3 spaces.</p>	<p>You help during the neighborhood clean-up day. Move ahead 3 spaces.</p>
<p>You water, edge, mow, and fertilize your yard when needed. Move ahead 3 spaces.</p>	<p>You leave your dog's poop bag on the sidewalk. Go back 4 spaces.</p>
<p>Your put away your neighbor's garbage and recycling containers when you do yours. Move ahead 2 spaces.</p>	<p>You shovel the snow off your neighbor's driveway. Move ahead 3 spaces.</p>
<p>You help your neighbor fix things at their home. Move ahead 5 spaces.</p>	<p>You invite a lonely neighbor to your home for dinner. Move ahead 4 spaces.</p>

Chance Cards

<p>Your neighbor is sick so you mow his lawn and weed his flowerbeds. Move ahead 5 spaces.</p>	<p>You are always there for your neighbors and will help them in any way you can. Move ahead 5 spaces.</p>
<p>You help carry groceries in for your neighbor. Move ahead 2 spaces.</p>	<p>You watch your neighbor's house while they are gone on vacation. Move ahead 2 spaces.</p>
<p>You help clean and maintain the common areas. Move ahead 3 spaces.</p>	<p>You put your trash out at the right time and the right day. Move ahead 2 spaces.</p>
<p>You always keep your pets quiet and under control. Move ahead 2 spaces.</p>	<p>You do your neighbors a favor when possible. Move ahead 3 spaces.</p>
<p>You give your neighbors notice before parties. Move ahead 2 spaces.</p>	<p>Your neighbor is sick and you ask them if there is anything you can do for them. Move ahead 3 spaces.</p>

Chance Cards

<p>You take pride in your neighborhood and you find out what you can do to make it better. Move ahead 2 spaces.</p>	<p>You apologize to your neighbor when you do something wrong. Move ahead 3 spaces.</p>
<p>You honk your horn because your children are running late for school. Your neighbors want to enjoy the peace and quiet they expect. Move back 2 spaces.</p>	<p>You observe and respect your neighbor's personal space. Move ahead 2 spaces.</p>
<p>You water your neighbor's outdoor plants and yard while they are on vacation. Move ahead 2 spaces.</p>	<p>You honk your home every time you pull in the driveway. Your family will find out you are home soon enough without you making so much noise and bothering your neighbors. Move back 2 spaces.</p>
<p>You respect your neighbor's privacy and their property. Move ahead 2 spaces.</p>	<p>You position your outside lights with care. You make sure your security lights do not shine into your neighbor's bedroom window. Move ahead 2 spaces.</p>
<p>You talk to your neighbors before installing or replacing a fence on your property. It is being respectful and there are not any surprises when construction begins. Move ahead 2 spaces.</p>	<p>You put neighborhood-wide events on your calendar and then participate. Whether it's a cleanup project or HOA event, you make an effort to make an appearance and help when needed. Move ahead 3 spaces.</p>

Chance Cards

<p>You had the opportunity to be a good neighbor and you blew it. Lose a token.</p>	<p>You had the opportunity to be a good neighbor and you blew it. Lose a token.</p>
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