

Caring Puppet Show

Luke (10:33) "But a **Samaritan**, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion..."

Crab	<i>(Jumping around, fuming, stomping, growling)</i>
Fish	Hi! I'm Fishy. My friend Crabelina is acting strangely. She seems to have some pretty strong feelings going on, there. It's almost as if she's doing a crazy dance, like her shell was on fire or something, but I don't see any fire. Maybe if I knew what she was feeling, I could help her! Does anyone know how she's feeling? What is she doing that shows you? <i>[Get children to respond]</i>
Crab	Oh, I'm so ANGRY!!!!
Fish	Hey, you were right!!! She is angry. Hmm. I wonder what I can do to help?
Crab	Nobody ever listens to me!!!!
Fish	Do you think if I listened to her she might feel better? <i>(get kids to answer)</i> I'll give it a try. I'll just swim over here... Um, excuse me, Crabelina?
Crab	YES! WHAT IS IT, FISHY???
Fish	<i>(gulp)</i> I was thinking...
Crab	YES?
Fish	I'd like to know what is bothering you.
Crab	You would? <i>(surprised)</i> Oh, that's very nice of you. I am feeling very angry because my brother ate the last cookie and I wanted it very badly!!!
Fish	Oh, I understand. I love cookies, too. I wish we had two cookies, right now.
Crab	Me, too. <i>(starts to cry)</i>
Fish	Oh, dear! <i>(turns to kids)</i> What do you think she is feeling right now? <i>(get them to answer)</i> Oh! Poor Crabelina. I'm sorry you're feeling so sad.
Crab	Oh, cookie! Cookie you are all gone! I'll never see you again!!!! <i>(wailing)</i>
Fish	Crabelina, I don't have any cookies either, but I'll always be your friend, and if I ever do have any cookies I'll be sure to share them with you.

Crab	What a good friend you are! Even though I don't have a cookie right now, you have showed me that you care about my feelings, and that has made me feel much better.
Fish	Hey! You're smiling! <i>(to kids)</i> What is my friend feeling now? <i>(get answer)</i> Yes, I think you're right! She is feeling happy!
Crab	Yes, I am feeling happy now. Thank you for caring about me, and for listening to me and for letting me know that you understand my feelings. Now I feel like I've had a whole box of cookies!!!
Fish	Wow! That's not just happy, that's super-duper, extra-specially happy!
Crab	That's right! And it's all because of my dear friend Fishy!!!! <i>(hugs with her claws)</i>
Fish	Oh! Oh my! Um.... Woah!!! Easy there! Ouch! Oweee woweee!!!!
Crab	Fishy! What is it! What are you feeling?
Fish	Well, I like your hugs, but your claws are very sharp! Be careful!!!!
Crab	Ooops! <i>(they laugh)</i> Sorry! <i>(repeat hugs and squeals a few times to maximize entertainment value)</i>

The End