

# Letter to a Neighbor Frame

We have been learning about how helping people in the community is a way we show love for our neighbors. The book *Maniac Magee*, by Jerry Spinelli, encourages us to be good Samaritans. There are several ways we can be good Samaritans in our community and help others who are in need.

- Book Drive
- Food Drive
- Clothing Drive
- Other

As a class, let's think about how we might like to help our community. Then, we will write letters to our neighbors asking for their help to show love to our community.

Paragraph 1 (Introduction)	Dear Neighbor,  My name is _____ and I go to school at _____.  My class just finished reading the book _____, by _____.  This book taught me _____ _____ _____.
Paragraph 2	Did you know that people in our community _____?  (Details) _____ _____ _____ _____ _____.
Paragraph 3	I encourage you to be a good Samaritan by _____.  Your donation will help _____.  (Details) _____ _____ _____ _____ _____.

Paragraph 4	Helping people in your community will make you feel _____. I helped my community when _____ _____. I felt _____ because _____ _____
Paragraph 5 (Conclusion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tell the person thank you.</li> <li>• Conclude and sign your name!</li> </ul>

## Letter to a Neighbor (Sample):

Dear Neighbor,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I go to school at \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary. My class just finished reading the book *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli. This book taught me to be a good Samaritan and help people in the community who are in need.

Did you know that many people in our community do not have food to eat? In America, 17 million kids go to bed hungry every night. Food banks need extra donations in the summertime because kids are not in school. They have to eat breakfast and lunch at home.

I encourage you to be a good Samaritan by donating food to the local food bank. Your donation will help children have enough to eat this summer. You can donate canned tuna, peanut butter, cereal, juice boxes, canned fruit, or canned vegetables.

Helping people in our community will make you feel happy! I helped my community when I collected coins on Halloween. The money helped give kids in other countries medicine. I felt good because now kids in other countries won't be sick.

Thank you for helping the community! I hope you will feel happy about being a good Samaritan.

Sincerely,