



Unlikely Heroes: The Good Samaritan

Hero

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Lesson

Luke 10:25-37

An expert in the law asked Jesus how to receive eternal life. Jesus asked the expert what he thought. He replied with "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your soul and with all your strength and love your neighbor as yourself. Jesus told him he was correct. Then he wanted to know "who is my neighbor?" Jesus told him a parable. A parable is a story that is used to teach an important lesson. Jesus told of a man that was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho and was beaten by robbers, left for half dead! A priest came along, saw the man and passed by. Then a Levite came along and did the same. Finally, a Samaritan came, saw the man and took care of his wounds. He then put him on his own donkey, took him to an inn stayed with him and took care of him for the night then left money with the innkeeper to take care of the man. He said if he owed any more money, he would pay it on his way back through town. At the end of the story, Jesus asked which was the neighbor to the man. The expert replied "the one who had mercy". Then, Jesus said, "go and do likewise".

Big Idea

If I love God, I will love others!

Discussion & Prayer

1. Is it sometimes hard for you to love others?
2. Why do you think it's so important to God that we love others?

Preschool Prayer: God, help me to love everyone!

Elementary Prayer: God, help me to be a good neighbor. Help me to love others and to meet their needs. Help me to know that my love for you should lead me to love others. Amen!