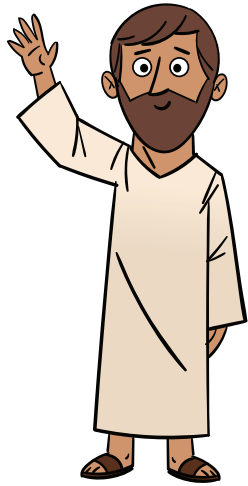


Are You a Good Neighbor?

“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself” (Matthew 22:37–39).

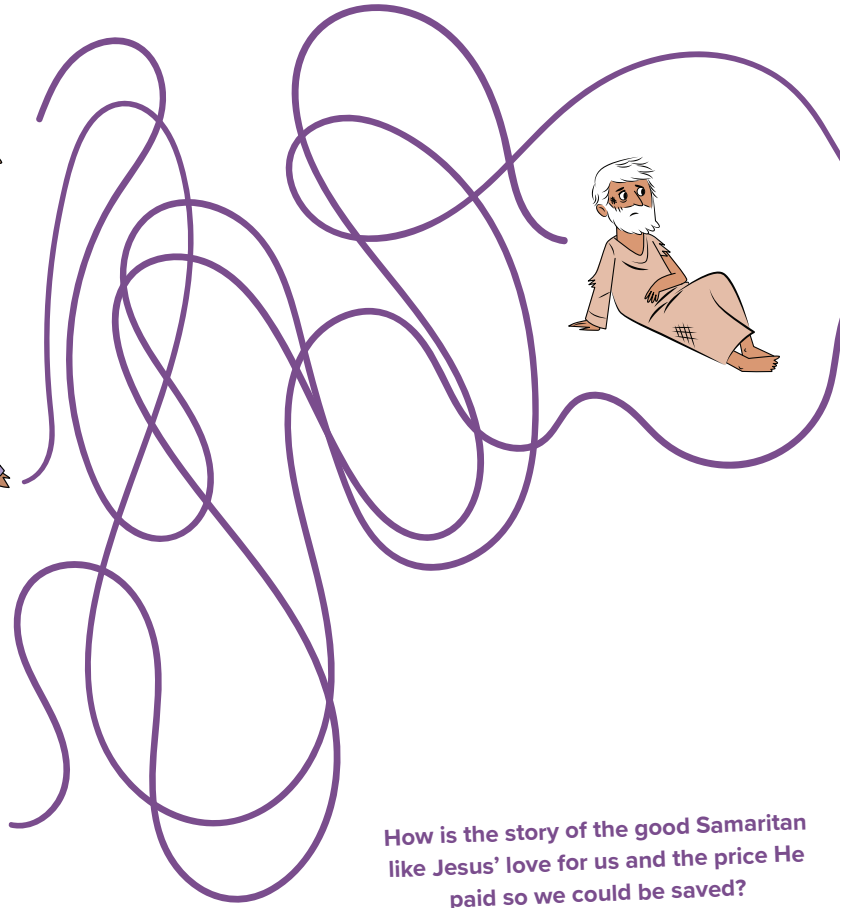
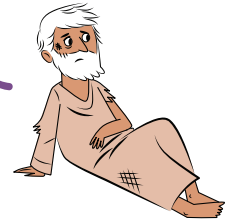
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God wants us to love our neighbors as ourselves.



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Which of these men is the good Samaritan who stopped to help the wounded man?



Ask a friend to give you words according to what is needed to fill in the blanks. Then read the story of the good Samaritan with a silly slant.

A traveler was beaten by _____ (number) _____ (adjective) thieves and left for dead on the side of a _____ (adjective) road called _____ (street name).

A priest saw the man but _____ (past tense verb) to the other side of the _____ (adjective) road. He couldn't be bothered by such a _____ (adjective) person. Then a Levite saw the man but _____ (past tense verb) to the other side of the _____ (adjective) road. He didn't have time for such a _____ (adjective) person.

Finally, about _____ (number) hours later, a Samaritan from a strange place like _____ (city) saw the _____ (adjective) man. The Samaritan had compassion on the man and took _____ (adjective) care of him. The Samaritan bound the _____ (adjective) man's _____ (number) wounds and let him ride on his _____ (animal) all the way to the _____ (hotel name).

It cost _____ (number) dollars, but the Samaritan paid the price willingly because this _____ (adjective) man's life was worth it and _____ (number) times more to him.

How is the story of the good Samaritan like Jesus' love for us and the price He paid so we could be saved?

Tell one way you can be a good neighbor.

I will be a good neighbor.

MOVE!

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Matthew 22:37–40; Luke 10:25–37 (paraphrased)

Jesus reminded people of what God first told Moses. “You should love God with all your heart, soul, and mind. That is the first great commandment, and the second commandment is like it.” Jesus continued, “You should love your neighbor as yourself.”

One day a religious expert asked Jesus how to gain eternal life. Jesus responded with a question, “What does the law of Moses say?”

The man answered, “Love God with everything within you and love your neighbor as yourself, but who is my neighbor?”

This time Jesus responded with a story. “Once upon a time, a Jewish traveler was attacked and beaten by bandits. They left him bleeding by the side of the road. A priest came along but didn’t stop to help because he was too busy. A temple worker came along, saw the helpless man, but kept walking. Finally, a Samaritan came along. He stopped.”

Gasps filled the crowd. Jews didn’t like Samaritans and couldn’t imagine them doing anything good, especially for a Jew.

Jesus continued, “The Samaritan bandaged the man’s wounds, carried him to an inn, and paid the innkeeper to take care of the man until he was better.” Jesus then asked, “So who was the neighbor?”

The religious expert answered, “The one who showed mercy.”

Jesus nodded. “Yes, now go and do the same.”