

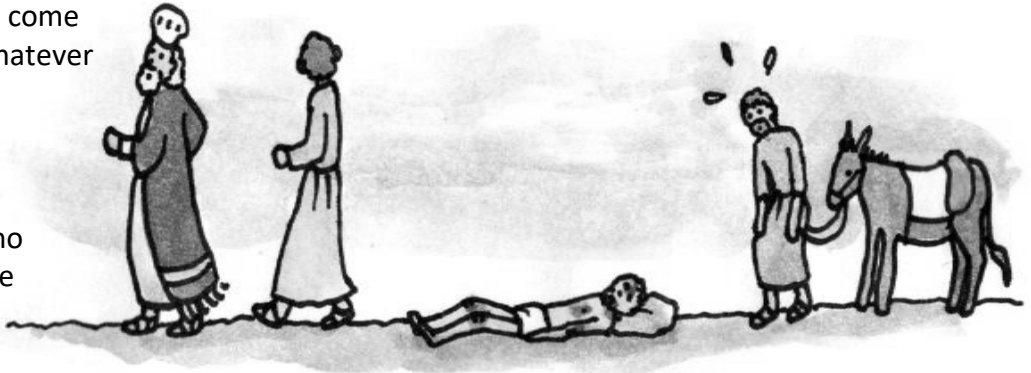
THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN (Luke 10: 25-37)

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.'

Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"



He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

LOVING GOD and OUR NEIGHBOR

The greatest commandment is to Love God with all our heart and soul and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

The most important thing you do in your life is loving God. If you really love God then you will do what is right and love other people as well. The Samaritan in the story loved God even though he didn't worship Him in the proper way like the Jews did. But because He loved God he wanted to please Him by being kind to his enemy.

If you don't love God then you will not be able to make good decisions about other things either. You can't even love other people properly if you don't love God the most. The priest and Levite in the parable probably cared more about themselves than about God. That is why when they saw their own countryman injured and lying by the roadside they just walked past.

Is God the most important thing in your life? Talk to Him every day and you will grow to love Him. You can be a good neighbor to everyone by being a good friend of God.

- **Eternal life:** Life after death
- **Neighbor:** A person who lives near you.
- **Inn:** A place to stay for a day or two in exchange for money
- **Mercy:** showing compassion, kindness.
- **Priest:** a person who serves in the temple and offers prayers and sacrifices to God on behalf of the people.
- **Levite:** a person who assists the priest and takes care of the temple.
- **Samaritan:** A man who lives in Samaria, very much hated by the Jews

- **Pity:** Feeling sad at other's suffering .
- **Inherit:** To be given / to be rewarded
- **Stripped :** To be robbed; clothes or covering to be taken off

THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN (Luke 10: 25-37)



Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan to show how to be a good neighbor



You can be a good neighbor to everyone by being a good friend of God.

A. Write the correct answer to questions below (write the Letter only)

- Who attacked the man?
A. Friends B. Robbers C. Relatives
- The man was travelling from Jerusalem to
A. Jericho B. Judea C. Bethany
- Who helped the wounded man?
A. Levite B. Priest C. Samaritan
- What did the Good Samaritan pour on the wounds of the man?
A. Water B. Perfume C. Oil and Wine
- Where did the Good Samaritan take the wounded man?
A. To a house B. To an INN C. To a hospital
- How many denarii did the Good Samaritan give the innkeeper to take care of the wounded man?
A. 1 Denarii B. 2 Denarii C. 3 Denarii
- Who is a good neighbor?
A. a person who helps anyone in need
B. a person who helps only his friends
C. a person who does not care for anyone

B. Write True or False in the following sentence:

- In the Parable, a man was walking from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he came across a group of people who had been robbed. True or False ? _____
- The robbers beat the man and took all he had. True or False ? _____
- A priest walked past the man and ignored him. True or False ? _____
- A Levite saw the man and left him some money. True or False ? _____
- A Samaritan saw the man, bandaged his wounds, and took him to an Inn. True or False ? _____
- In the parable, the Samaritan, who was normally the man's enemy, was his best neighbor. True or False ? _____