The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37





The Story

Jesus often used stories about everyday life to teach about God and His Kingdom. These stories are called parables. Today we are going to hear Jesus teaching a parable to answer this question: "How do we show love to our neighbor?"

One day, a man who taught in the temple spoke to Jesus. He was trying to trick Jesus into saying something wrong. The man asked Jesus, "What do I have to do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus answered, "What is written in the Bible?"

The man said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all you mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus said, "You answered correctly. Do this, and you will live."

But the man asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus wanted the man to know that love for our neighbor can be seen in our words and actions. Jesus told the man this story to help him understand.

A man was walking down a road. Robbers hurt him, and left him lying on the road. Soon, a priest walked by, but he didn't want to help the man lying wounded. Instead, he walked by on the other side of the road.

Next, a helper from the temple came by. He looked at the wounded man, and walked by without helping.

Finally, a man from Samaria walked up to the injured man and felt sorry for him. He stopped, and bandaged the man's wounds. He took him to an inn, and took care of him there. The next day, the Samaritan paid the owner of the inn to take care of the injured man.

After Jesus had finished telling this story, He asked the temple teacher this question: "Which of these three men treated the wounded man as his neighbor?"

The man said, "The one who was kind to him."

Jesus said, "Go, and do the same."

Activity One - Color in the heart if the sentence is true. Do nothing if the sentence is false.

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A man was hurt by robbers.



The priest helped the man.



The temple worker helped the man.

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- Draw a picture of something you can say or do to show your love for others.

Passage - Write each set of letters in backwards order. You will see a passage from the story.

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Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Today we heard that we show love for our neighbor with words and actions. You loved us so much that You died on the cross to take away our sins. Now we will live forever with You! Thank You, Jesus! Please help us to show love for others by all that we think, say and do. In Your Name we pray. Amen.