

## The Good Samaritan

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Luke 10:25-37

**MAIN POINT:** Jesus calls us to love others as He has loved us.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Mark 6:34

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** Why did Jesus tell parables? Jesus told parables to teach people about God and His kingdom.

1. Ask your family to name as many neighbors as they can—maybe even make a list on paper. Ask how far away a person can live and still be a neighbor.

Say, “When we talk about neighbors, we usually think of the people who live fairly close to us; maybe on our street or within a few blocks. Today we will hear a story Jesus told to help a man understand who his neighbors are. The man needed help from a neighbor, but the people he would have expected to help all avoided him! We’ll learn more about who helped the man.”

2. While Jesus was on earth, He told many parables. What’s a parable? A parable is a story that explains something. Jesus told parables to teach people about God and His kingdom. Our scripture is from Luke 10:25-37, and includes a parable called ‘The Good Samaritan.’
3. Open your Bible to Luke 10:25-37. Use the Bible story and picture to help you tell the story from scripture. Or watch this video: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=MLzdQtetedc>



### God's Story: The Good Samaritan

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Jesus told us to love our neighbors. One time, a guy asked Jesus to explain who he meant by “neighbor.” Find out who Jesus ...

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# The BIBLE STORY

## Bible Storytelling Tips

- **Act it out:** Plan for a few adult leaders to act out the parable in the background as you tell the story. Use costumes and props like bandages and a stick horse to really make the story come alive.

- **Set up stations:** Set up stations around the room, each with a different prop or visual aid to tie into the sections of the story. Perhaps a Bible for Jesus asking what the Scriptures say, a ski mask for robbers, a bandage for the Samaritan, and so forth.

## The Good Samaritan

*Luke 10:25-37*

A Jewish lawyer asked Jesus a question: “Teacher, what must I do to have eternal life?”

Jesus answered, “What do the Scriptures say? What do you think is the answer?”

The lawyer replied, “The Scriptures say, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind.’ And ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Jesus said, “That’s right. Do this, and you will have eternal life.”

Then the man asked, “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus told a story to help the man understand.

“A man was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attacked him. The robbers took everything he had, beat him up, and left him for dead on the side of the road.

“A priest was traveling down the road when he saw the man lying there. But instead of helping the man, the priest passed by on the other side of the road.

“Then a Levite, or religious leader, came down the road. He saw the man lying there, but instead of helping the man, the Levite passed by on the other side of the road, too.

“Then a man from Samaria came down the road. Samaritans and Jews did not get along, but when he saw the man lying there, he helped him. The Samaritan bandaged the man’s wounds. He put the man on his donkey and took him to an inn where he could rest. The Samaritan took care of the man. Then he paid the innkeeper to care for the man.”

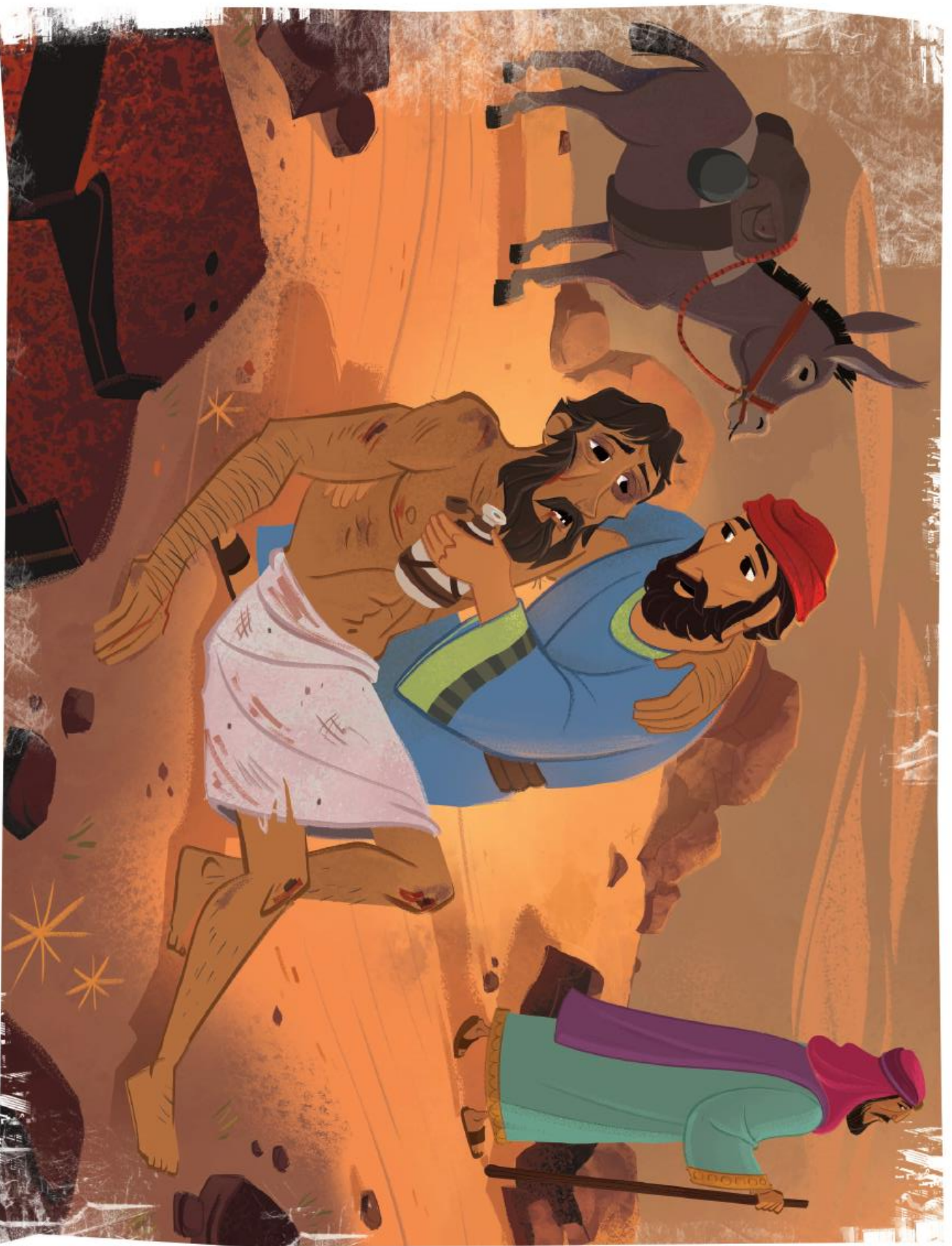
Jesus asked, “Which of these people was a real neighbor to the man who was attacked by robbers?”

The lawyer replied, “The one who helped the man.”

Jesus said, “Go and do the same!”







4. After the story, talk through as much of this as is appropriate for your family's age and attention span!

~~along very well, but Jesus loves everyone.~~ In Jesus' parable, only the Samaritan stopped to help the man who was attacked by robbers. To the Jewish listeners, that would have been very surprising. The two men who avoided the injured man were religious leaders. If anyone knew the right thing to do, it should have been them.

Jesus was teaching people that their neighbors are not just the people they like or the people who live near them, but anyone who is in need. The man who originally asked Jesus about eternal life wanted to know whom God expected him to love as himself. Jesus basically told him to love anyone and everyone as himself! In fact, this parable helps us understand that **Jesus calls us to love others as He has loved us.** The Samaritans and the Jews were enemies, but in Jesus' parable, the Samaritan man still chose to help the Jewish man. In the same way, we were all enemies of God because of our sin, but God still chose to help us.

## Christ connection

**LEADER** • God helped us by sending His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross to pay for our sin. Jesus loved us even though we did not deserve His love. He chose to give up His life to save us from sin and death. When we trust in Jesus, we receive eternal life—a promise that we will be with God forever!

Just as Jesus showed incredible love for us through the cross, He has called us to show incredible love for those around us. No person is too far away or too different to be our neighbor. The world is filled with

people, sinners like you and me, who need Jesus. We are called to be good neighbors to them and to love them as Jesus loved us—by putting their needs first and teaching them about God.

For a fun family challenge, try this:



## The Good Samaritan Spot the Differences

Compare the picture on the top with the picture on bottom. Circle the 14 things that are different.



Here's the answer key:



Pray together!