

The Good Samaritan

The story

Read or watch the story of the Good Samaritan. Remember this is a Christian story from the Bible. In the story, there are two types of people - Jews and Samaritans. The Jews and the Samaritans were enemies and would not normally even speak to each other.

Click on the link below to watch the story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=osfQg4yKtq8>

If you have your own Bible or Children's Bible at home, can you find the story and read it there?

Check your understanding

Online Quizzes:

- Yes or No quiz: <https://forms.gle/F5gWgVqsP5szXAxc6>
- Multiple choice quiz: <https://forms.gle/SdGLCdbjVVYnVhqZA>

Activities

Choose one or more of the activities below:

Create your favourite part of the story:

Choose your favourite part of the story. Make or draw a picture of the part of the story that you have chosen. You could:

- draw a picture
- go outside and find twigs, stones and grass to make a natural picture
- create a collage or model with craft materials or construction toys that you have at home.

Tell someone else in your family all about your picture. Can you tell them the whole story?

Drama fun:

Look at the following summary of the story. Can you make up actions to go along with each part?

- A Jewish man went walking
- Some robbers hurt him
- The man lay groaning
- A priest hurried quickly past
- A temple assistant hurried quickly past

- A Samaritan man came riding on his donkey
- He cared for the man
- He paid for him to stay at a hotel until he was better

Travel Journal:

Create a travel journal for the Jewish man who was travelling.

- Include entries from before the journey, on the journey before he was attacked, the day he was attacked, lying in the inn recovering.
- Include information on what was happening to him and on what he was feeling and thinking.

Create a character:

Choose one (or more) characters from the story.

- Create the character(s) however you want. This could be drawing, collage, painting, using natural materials, even a 3D model.
- Around the outside of their character ask them to write words which describe the character.

Start thinking

Who was kind and helpful?

Watch or read the story again.

- Use any dolls or soft toys you have to pretend to be the characters in the story.
- Can you find something to be a bandage and put it on the character who was injured?
- Can you draw a heart and stick it to the character who was kind?
- What did he do that was kind? Why was it surprising that the Samaritan helped the Jewish man?

Definitions:

Think carefully and write definitions of all or some of these words or phrases:

- Compassion
- Show mercy
- Neighbour. What do you mean by neighbour when you use the word AND what did Jesus mean by neighbour in this story.
- A Good Samaritan.

Discussion questions:

If you're able to, have a discussion with someone in your family and try using these questions.

- How do you think the Jewish man felt when the Priest and Temple Assistant walked past him?
- Why do you think the Priest and the Temple assistant walked past and didn't help?
- How do you think the Jewish man felt when the Samaritan man stopped and helped?
- Why do you think the Samaritan man stopped and helped?
- Did it cost the Samaritan man to help the Jewish man?
- Would you have stopped to help? Would you have used your own things and money to help?

Moral dilemmas:

The story teaches us that Jesus wants Christians to behave like the Samaritan man. Read these scenarios and consider what do you think Jesus would want Christians to do. Try to explain your answer. What would you do? Would you help? How would you help?

- It's tricky to buy pasta in the shops at the moment. Often there isn't any. You have two small packets of pasta left in your house, when you're speaking to your friend on the phone they tell you they have no pasta left and they couldn't find any in the shops. What do you do?
- You're out for a walk. You know not to go near anyone as we all have to keep 2 metres apart to help keep us safe from the coronavirus. You see an old lady fall over and not get up. What do you do?
- You have done all your school work and want to watch TV. Your mum is tired. She's trying to work from home and look after you. The house is a bit messy and it's making mum grumpy. What do you do?

Come up with your own ideas:

Create a list of how you can be a Good Samaritan (how can you help others)

- In your home?
- In your community?
- To people you don't know?
- To people in other countries?

Remember it's important to stay safe as you help others!

There are of course lots of ideas of how you can be a Good Samaritan! You could call a relative, write letters to care home residents, get in touch with a friend, help around the house, make decorations for windows or garden to encourage passers-by. The small acts of kindness matter!