

The Good Samaritan

In the Bible are lots of stories. Here is a story about Jesus. You can read it or ask a grown up to read it to you.

Jesus loved talking to people. He loved telling them about God. He loved telling them how God wanted people to be kind and to 'love one another'. Jesus really wanted everyone to understand this, so he told them that the best way was to 'love your neighbour as you love yourself'.

One man wasn't very sure what Jesus meant when he said 'love your neighbour as you love yourself'. So the man asked Jesus a question. He asked Jesus 'Who is my neighbour?'

Jesus answered by telling a story. This is the story that he told:

'Once, a man was travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho. It was a long, hot, dusty road. On the way, he was attacked by robbers. They took his clothes. They beat him up. They went away, leaving him almost dead.

Luckily, a priest was walking down the same road. Priests are very important, holy men. But when the priest saw the man that was almost dead, he walked away and did not help.

Then another man came along. This man was also a holy man. He worked in the temple in Jerusalem. He looked at the injured man but did not stop to help him.

Next, a visitor from another country walked down the road and saw the injured man. The country he came from was Samaria, and he was a Samaritan. When the Samaritan saw the injured man, he felt sorry for him. He looked after the man's wounds. Then the Samaritan lifted the man onto his donkey and took him to an inn. Once they were at the inn, the Samaritan made sure the injured man was comfortable.

In the morning, the Samaritan gave the innkeeper 2 silver coins. The Samaritan said:

'Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill – I'll pay you on my way back.'

'What do you think? Jesus asked. 'Which of the three was a neighbour to the man attacked by robbers?'

'The one who treated him kindly,' the man replied. Jesus said, 'Go and do the same.'

Based on Luke 10:25-37

Now try to answer these questions

1. Where was the man travelling to?

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2. Did the priest help the injured man?

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3. Who helped the injured man?

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4. What did the Samaritan do to help the man?

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5. At the end of the story, the person listening says that the Samaritan was a neighbour to the man. Why do you think he says that?

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Tell the story

Use the last page of this lesson to help you tell the story of the Good Samaritan.

You will need to cut out the puppets at the bottom of the page. Use the puppets and the picture to help you tell the story.



Andy's thoughts

Here are Niki and Andy. Andy is a Christian. Read what he has to say about the Good Samaritan.

This story is very special for me because it helps us understand that how we treat each other is really important and that we should love and care for people even if they are different from us.

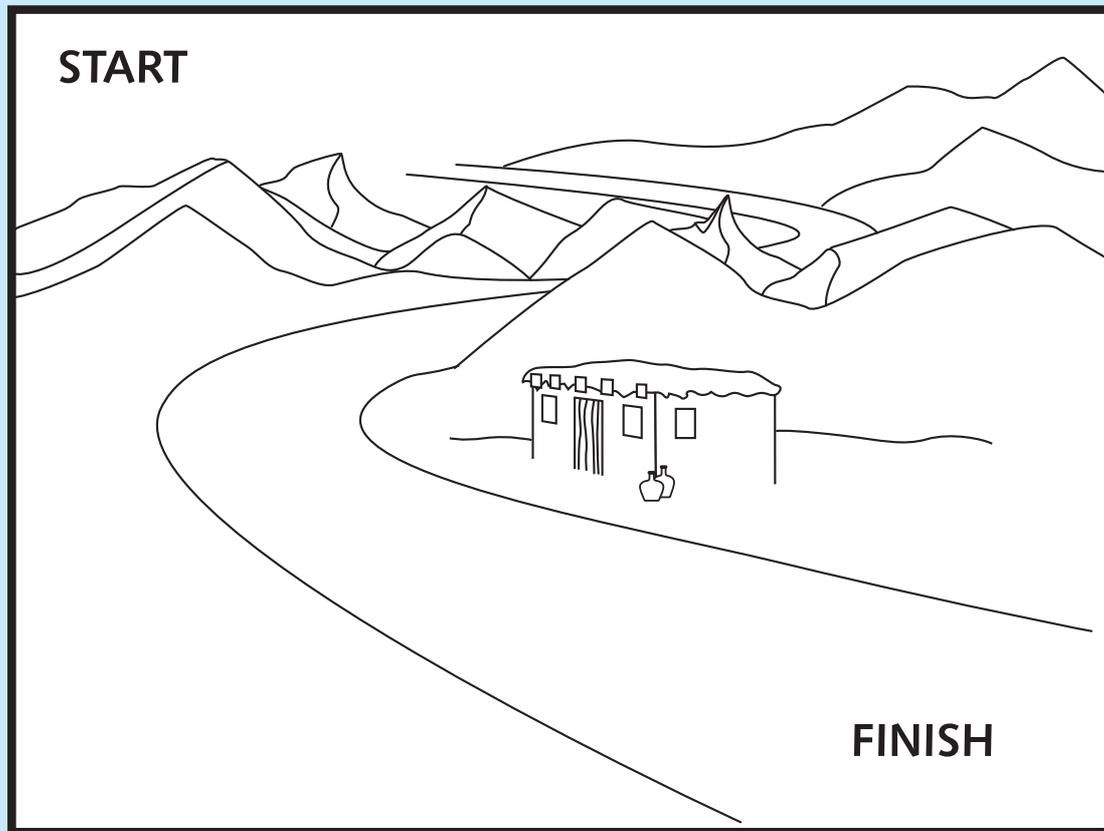
Being neighbourly

Draw how the Samaritan was neighbourly and caring to the injured man.

Draw one way that Andy could be neighbourly and caring to other people.

A story map for the Good Samaritan

Move the man along the path and use the other characters to tell the story of what happened to him.



Now do this:

Draw a picture of the most important point in the story and write about why you have chosen that part.

