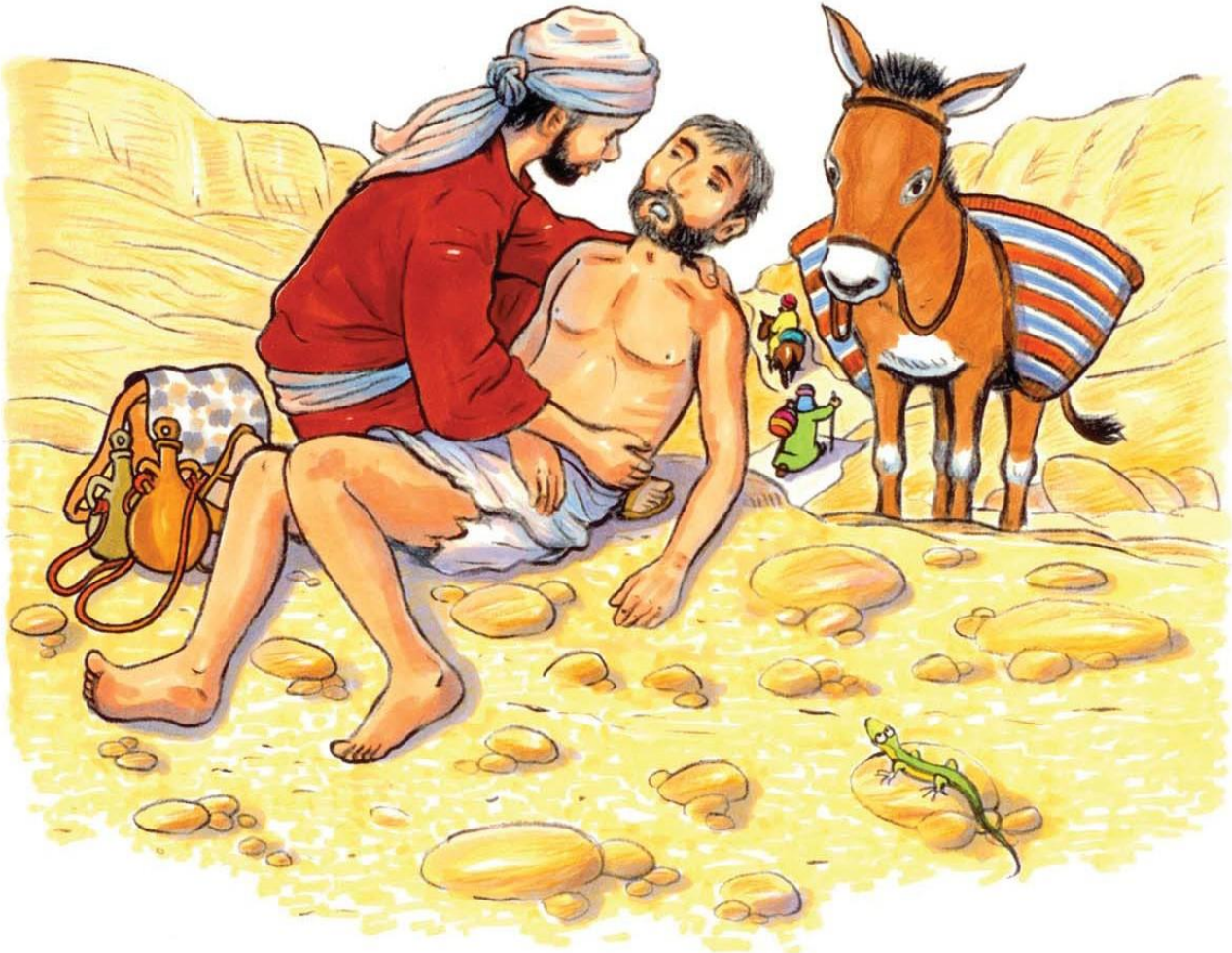


# THE GOOD SAMARITAN

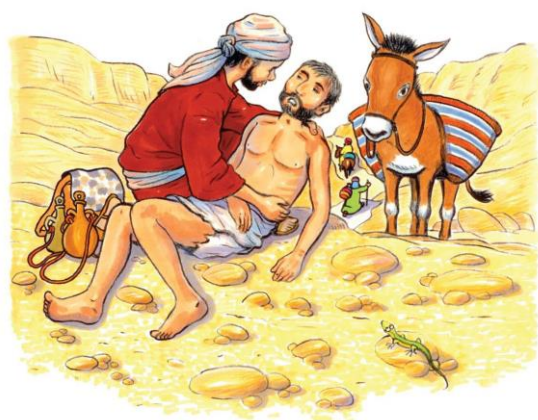
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Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Several people ignored the injured man before someone stopped to help him.</li><li>■ God wants us to be kind and compassionate to others by helping them.</li></ul>
Bible Text	Luke 10:25–37

## The Good Samaritan



Jesus was talking to a small group of people and the disciples. A lawyer stood up in the crowd and tried to test Jesus. He asked, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "What is written in the law? How do you interpret it?"

The lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with your entire mind, and your neighbour as yourself."

Jesus said, "Do this and you will live."

Then the lawyer asked, "And who is my neighbour?"

Jesus explained, "A man was travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho when he was attacked by thieves.

They stripped him, beat him, and then ran away. They left him lying in the road, half dead. By chance, a priest was walking down the same road. He saw the man lying there and walked by on the other side of the road.

Then a Levite came walking down the same road. When he came upon the injured man, he too carried on walking.

A Samaritan who was also travelling the same route came to the spot where the man was lying. When he saw him, he took pity on the man. He went over, treated the man's wounds with oil and wine, and bandaged them. The Samaritan lifted the man onto his own animal and took him to an inn where he took care of him.

The next day the Samaritan gave the innkeeper two silver coins and instructed him, 'Care for this man; and if it costs more than I have given you, I will repay you when I return.'

Jesus asked, "Which of the three men do you think was the neighbour to the beaten man?"

The lawyer answered, "He who showed mercy and helped the man. He was the neighbour."

Then Jesus said to the lawyer, "Go and do likewise."

## Suggestions for the Teacher

### Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise / fancy dress and additional materials like harp, spear, crown....

### Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- What shall we do to inherit eternal life?  
("You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and your neighbour as yourself.")
- What does the injured man experience?
  - A priest and a Levite pass without helping the wounded man.
  - The Samaritan shows compassion for the wounded man.
  - The Samaritan treats the wounds and takes care of the man.
- Why does Jesus tell this parable to the scribe?
  - To show him who his neighbour is.
  - Jesus teaches him to show compassion and to help others.

Have the children repeat...

- Several people ignored the injured man before the Samaritan helped him.
- God wants us to be kind to others by helping them.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Jesus' advice to the scribe was: "Love your neighbour as yourself."
- We shall do likewise.
- How can we do this? (Help poor ones, intercede for sick ones, ...)

**Repeat the Message**  
**God calls us to help others.**