

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 208: THE GOOD SAMARITAN
LUKE 10:25-37

Then an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. He said, "Teacher, what must I do to get eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you understand from it?" The man answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' Also, 'Love your neighbor the same as you love yourself.'" Jesus said, "Your answer is right. Do this and you will have eternal life." But the man wanted to show that the way he was living was right. So he said to Jesus, "But who is my neighbor?" To answer this question, Jesus said, "A man was going down the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. Some robbers surrounded him, tore off his clothes, and beat him. Then they left him lying there on the ground almost dead. "It happened that a Jewish priest was going down that road. When he saw the man, he did not stop to help him. He walked away on the other side of the road. Next, a Levite came near. He saw the hurt man, but he went around him. He would not stop to help him either. He just walked away on the other side of the road. "Then a Samaritan man traveled down that road. He came to the place where the hurt man was lying. He saw the man and felt very sorry for him. The Samaritan went to him and poured olive oil and wine on his wounds. Then he covered the man's wounds with cloth. The Samaritan had a donkey. He put the hurt man on his donkey, and he took him to an inn. There he cared for him. The next day, the Samaritan took out two silver coins and gave them to the man who worked at the inn. He said, 'Take care of this hurt man. If you spend more money on him, I will pay it back to you when I come again.'" Then Jesus said, "Which one of these three men do you think was really a neighbor to the man who was hurt by the robbers?" The teacher of the law answered, "The one who helped him." Jesus said, "Then you go and do the same."

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"The good Samaritan has compassion on the man who had been beaten."
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MEMORY VERSE:

"...Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." MATTHEW 5:8

Review Questions

True or False

1. An expert in the law stood up and tested Jesus, saying, "Teacher, what must I do to get eternal life?"
2. Jesus said, "A man went from Jerusalem to Jericho and got sick and nearly died."
3. A priest came down that road, and when he saw the man he stopped to help him.
4. A Levite came down that road, saw the man and did not stop to help him – he kept walking by on the other side of the road.
5. A Samaritan came where the man was and when he saw him, he felt very sorry for him and stopped to help him.

Questions

1. Did the priest stop to help the man after he was beaten up by robbers? What did he do?
2. Did the Levite stop to help the man after he was beaten up by robbers? What did he do?
3. When the Levite stopped to help the man, what did he do for him to help him?
4. Which of these three men do you think was a good neighbor to the man who was beaten up and robbed?
5. What did Jesus tell the expert in the law to do?

Lesson 208 Activity

Do You Know a Good Samaritan?

Tell the children an example of a time that a “Good Samaritan” helped you or someone you know out. Explain any similarities in your experience to that of Jesus’ parable.

Give the children an opportunity to share any examples from their lives of when they have been helped out by a “Good Samaritan”, or if they know of someone who was helped out by a “Good Samaritan”.

Next, ask the children who they think would be a good example of their “Neighbor” (it can be someone at school, their actual neighbor, or someone at church, etc.) – Now have them give examples of how they can be a good neighbor to that person (make sure they give practical examples of things they can actually do for that person – like rake leaves, walk their dog, pray for them, give them a card when they are sad, etc).

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer asking the Lord to give each of us a compassion for our neighbors. If there are any children who have not received the Lord, give them an opportunity to respond to His free gift of salvation.