



Luke 10:25-37

Aim: to learn from Jesus that we should help others no matter why they are



Jesus told this story as a way of answering a question posed to him by a teacher of the Jewish law. Jesus knew the teacher was a learned expert and would have known what scripture had to say but he wanted to make his answer personal. In the parable we hear of a Jewish man all beaten up and left for dead. After a priest and a wealthy man refused to help and walked on by, it was a Samaritan who actually showed some mercy and compassion and who went above and beyond to help the man. Jesus threw a big challenge at the teacher of the law. You see, Samaritans and Jews didn't exactly see eye to eye. Many Jews would not have associated with Samaritans at all. The expert of the law had asked: **Who is my neighbour?** Leaving no wiggle room, after sharing his parable, Jesus asked, point blank: **'Which of the 3 acted like a neighbour?'** Once Jesus had the answer he sent out his final challenge. I wonder if the expert of the law ever applied the answer to his own life? No-one said it would be easy.



Mime making a cake and ask everyone to join in the actions as you follow each instruction in the recipe: Weigh out the sugar into the bowl, beat in the butter, whip the eggs and pour them in, add the flour through a sieve, fold it all together and pour into a cake tin

You did really well following all the instructions. I think we are ready for the story.



A man wanted to know how he could get to Heaven. He knew he should love God and his neighbours but he wanted Jesus to give him instructions to make it easier.

Jesus made up a story to help the man understand that his neighbour includes EVERYONE. That didn't make it easy at all! Read the story: Jesus tells a story, pg. 175



- *I wonder who was the good neighbour*
- *I wonder if the man understood what Jesus was trying to tell him*
- *I wonder if I am a good neighbour*



Read: The Good Samaritan Paperback by Victoria Kovacs (for preschoolers)

Ask everyone to come up with modern versions of the story, thinking through who might be the unexpected Samaritans in our society. If you have time encourage them to have a go at acting out their version

Write a list of ways that you can help your neighbours this week

Talk about what questions you want to ask Jesus. See if he has answered any of them already with the stories he told



- **Teddy bear hospital.** Supply bandages and plasters and a heap of cuddly toys in need of some TLC. If you have children's play first aid kits of doctor's bags and outfits, include these and set up a medical tent.



- **Small world play:** Set up a tray with play figures and a few rocks to create the landscape for the story as well as a shoebox for a hotel, so that everyone can have a go at re-enacting the story
- **Decorate biscuits** for families to take home and offer as a gift to a neighbour
- **Colour in and decorate the template below** with plasters to make an injured man being cared for



Learn together the Makaton sign for 'everyone'.

Place palm downwards and stretch your arm out across to the opposite side your body at chest height. Make a horizontal semicircle motion to the other side of your torso, as if straightening out a table cloth with your straightened hand.

Lord Jesus,

You are always kind to everyone

Help us to be kind to everyone

You are always loving to everyone

Help us to be loving to everyone

You are always helpful to everyone

Help us to be helpful to everyone

You are a good to everyone

Help us to be good to everyone.

Amen (rolling arms upwards for a slow, loud amen)



- [God loves you and I love you](https://youtu.be/DYedaETbsBI)
- God's love is like a circle
- Give a little help (with Makaton sign)
<https://youtu.be/DYedaETbsBI>



Watch Veggietales own version of the parable
<https://youtu.be/c6fFo2OzTHc>

Arrange to visit an elderly neighbour together or check in on a neighbour to see if they are okay and to offer to do shopping or take a small gift.

Pray together for people who might need a friend.

