

The Good Samaritan

Can you remember what a parable is?
 Find this week's parable in Luke 10:29-37 and watch it here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=osfQg4yKtq8>

The Priest and the Levite just walked on by. They did not put into practice the teachings they had learnt on helping others. The Samaritan stopped and helped the injured man. Who was it that was a neighbour? The Samaritan.

This would have surprised the people hearing this story because the Jews and the Samaritans were not friends. They hated each other and everyone knew that. The people Jesus was telling the story to would not have expected the Samaritan to be the hero of the story!

The Samaritan would have had to stop what he was doing and delay his journey to take care of the man. We need to be willing to stop what we are doing and to put others' needs before our own.

Here are some scenarios to think about. What would you do in these situations...

- Your mum is really tired and she asks you to help her make dinner. You are also tired: will you help?
- Your brother or sister has been really annoying all day. Now they want to play on the swings and asks you to push them. Will you help?
- Your dad wants you to help him wash the car, but you have just sat down to watch your favourite tv programme. Will you help?
- A boy in your class is always calling you silly names. Now he has fallen over and hurt his knee. Will you help him?

It doesn't always come easy to us to help people, especially when we are doing something else. We should try to act in a way that shows love, just like Jesus did.

Song- When I Needed a Neighbour
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7a7LdgRh-k>



As you listen to this song think about how you have treated people who were mean to you or different from you. Were you there for them?

Find the words in the word search below. One word does not appear in the word search, which one is it?

Bandage Donkey Man Help
Road Priest Love Parable

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Who is my neighbour? It is not just the person living next door to you. It is anyone you meet even if they are a different nationality or religion. Even if they are someone who has been mean to you. It can be hard but we should show love to our neighbour and as a sign of that love we should help them.

Prayer



Spend some time asking God to bring to mind people who may need some help at the moment. Ask him to give you wisdom and ideas about how to help them.