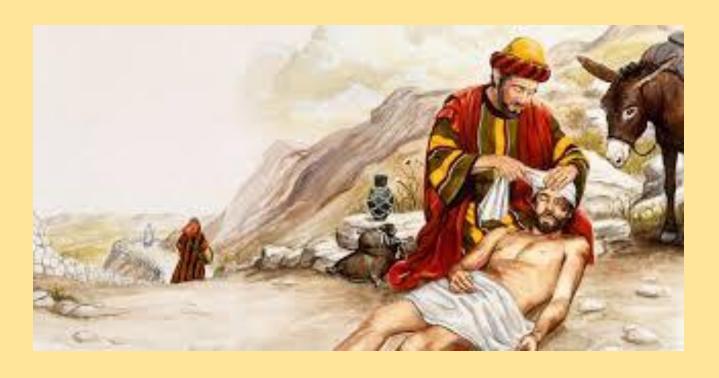
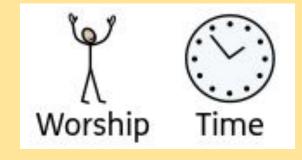
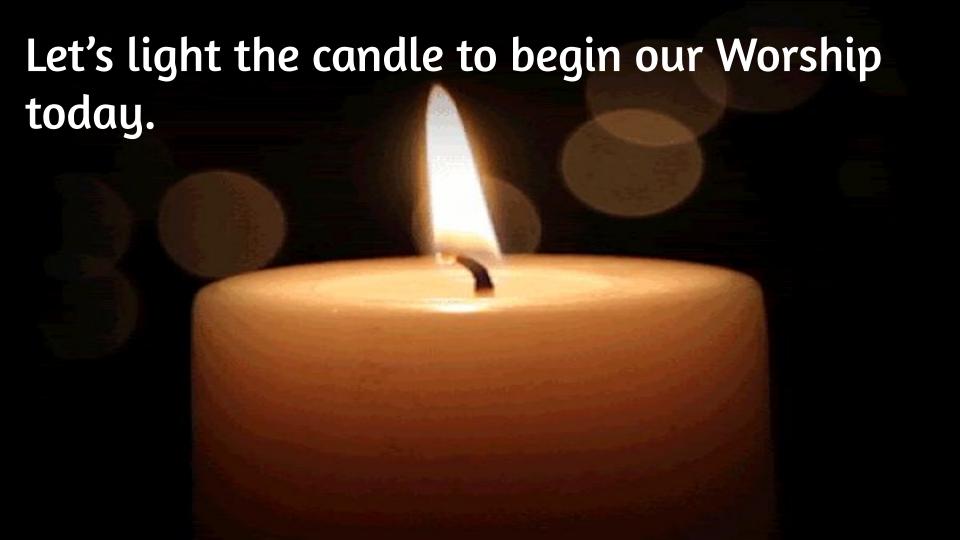


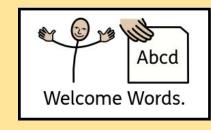
## Thursday 1st May The Good Samaritan

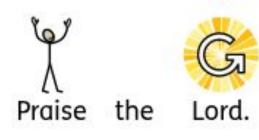




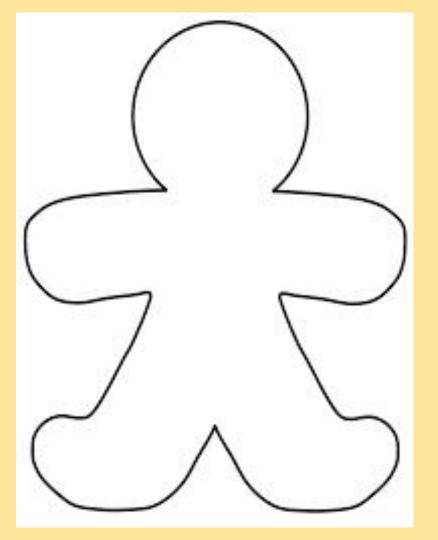


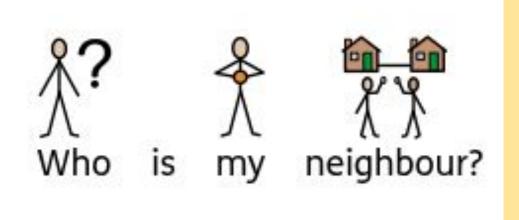














This is a picture by the artist Hanna-Cheriyan Varghese.

What can you see?

What questions would you like to ask her about the painting?

## The Kind Foreigner

When Jesus was teaching the people, sometimes a person would ask him a question. One day a man who was an expert in the Law of Moses thought he would put Jesus on the spot.

The man asked Jesus, "What must I do to be part of God's new world?"

Jesus replied by asking a question in return. "What does the Law teach?"

he asked. The man answered straight away. "You must love God and
love your neighbour," he said.

"That's right!" said Jesus. "Ah yes," said the expert, "but who is my neighbour?"

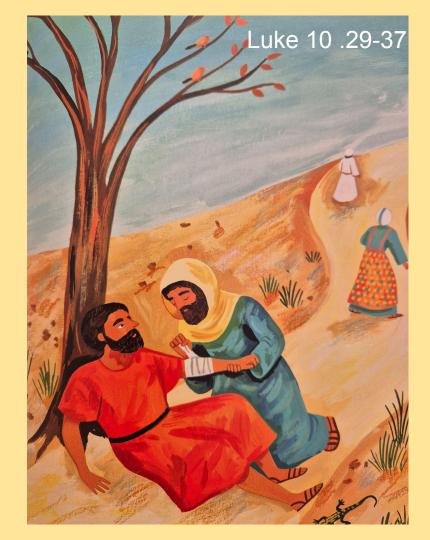
Jesus answered him with this story:

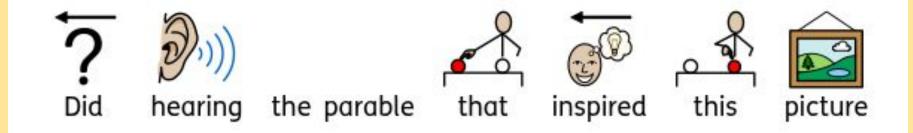
"Once a man was travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They took all his money and left him at the side of the road, half dead. A priest came past. He saw the man but he carried on with his journey. Then a Temple servant came past. He saw the man but he carried on with his journey too. Next, a foreigner from Samaria came past, and as soon as he saw the man he took pity on him. Carefully, the Samaritan cleaned and bandaged the man's wounds, then he lifted him onto his donkey and took him to an inn. He even left some money to pay for the man to stay there until he recovered."

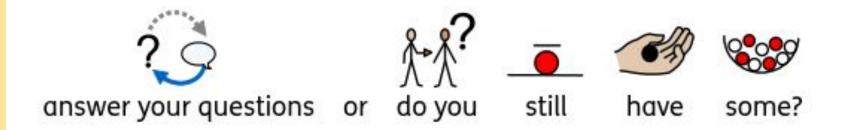
Jesus looked the expert in the eye. "Now," he said, "which of the three was the 'neighbour' of the man who'd been attacked?"

"I suppose," said the expert, "the one who helped him."

"That's right!" said Jesus. "Now, you go and do the same."



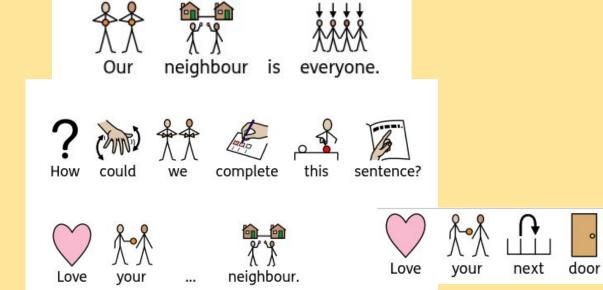




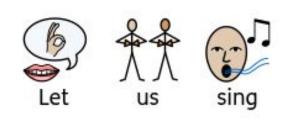


It was the Samaritan who bathed and bandaged the injured man. The Samaritan would, in those days, have been coming from a different community to the injured man, but this did not stop him being a good neighbour.

In today's parable Jesus is clearly teaching his followers that our neighbours may not be just like us. They may not even live near us.



neighbour.







## The Lord's Prayer



The Lord's Prayer

Jesus' friends - the disciples - asked him to teach them how to pray. Jesus told them this simple prayer that is used in churches today all over the world. Let's say it together and pause between each phrase to think about what we are saying.

"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name (What kind of names is God called - King, Shepherd, Saviour,...), thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven (How would it look of everyone lived as though God was in charge?). Give us this day our daily bread (What things do you actually need today?). And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us (Can you think of someone you need to forgive? Or perhaps someone you should say sorry to?). Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil (Are you sometimes tempted to do things that are wrong? Ask God in your heart to help you choose what is right.). For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen."

