

Loving My Neighbour

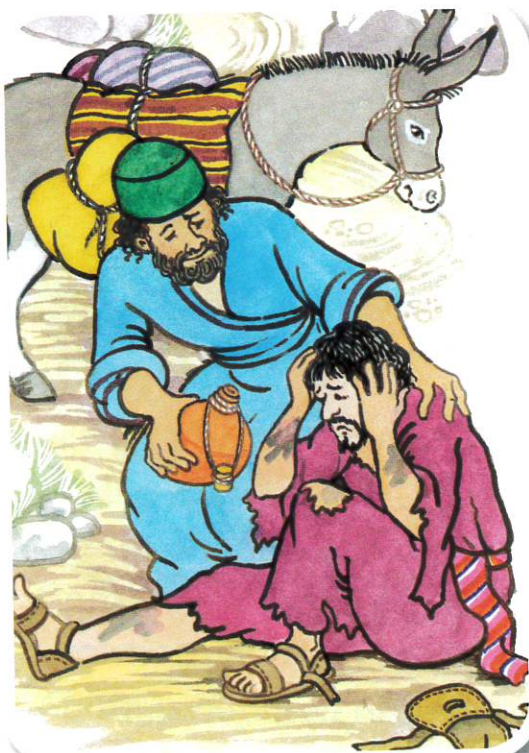
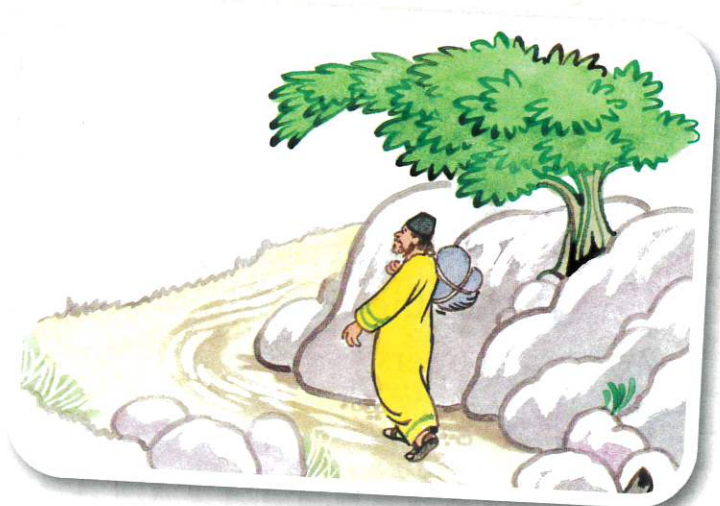


Know what Jesus teaches about helping others.
Reflect on how we help others.

Who is my Neighbour?

One day, Jesus was asked to explain what we have to do in order to get to heaven. Jesus replied that we have to love God and love our neighbour. Then he was asked, 'Who is my neighbour?'

"Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead.'



Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way, a Levite (a person who helps priests with their work) came to the place, saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came by was moved with pity when he saw him.

He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own donkey, carried him to the inn and looked after him.

Next day, he took two denarii (enough money to pay for him) and handed them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said 'and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have.'

'Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' replied the man. Jesus said to him, **'Go, and do the same yourself'**" (Luke 10:29-37).

Activities

1. List five things the Good Samaritan did to help the man who was attacked by robbers.
2. Sometimes people say we should be 'Good Samaritans'.
 - a) What do you think it means?
 - b) Give examples of ways we can be 'Good Samaritans':
 - in school;
 - at home.
3. Discuss. What do you think are the links between being a Christian and being a 'Good Samaritan'?
4. Do you think it is easy to be a Christian? Why? Why not?

