

JESUS TEACHES US TO CARE FOR OTHERS

One day, Jesus told this story. A man was traveling when he was met by robbers. The robbers beat him up and took everything he had. The man was left all hurt and by the side of the road.

Two other men each passed by the man, but did not do anything to help him.

Finally, a third man, who was a Samaritan came by. He felt badly for the man and stopped to help. He poured oil and wine into his wounds. He put bandages on the man, and took him to an inn. He gave the innkeeper money and told him to care for the man.

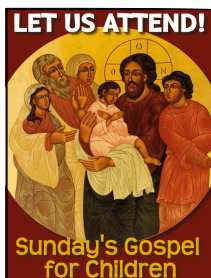
Jesus explained that the Samaritan is the one who did what God wants us to do. We call this story, "The Good Samaritan."



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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What happened to the man on his journey?
2. What did the two men do who first passed by the man?
3. What did the third man do?
4. What lesson did Jesus want us to learn from this story?
5. What is the name of the story?



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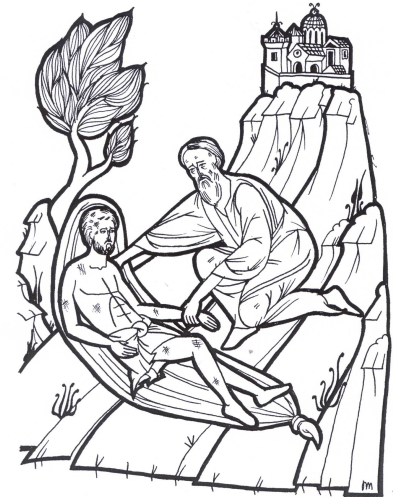
One day, Jesus told this story. He said, “Once there was a man who was going from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way, robbers stopped him. They beat him up, took his things, and left him almost dead.

“Soon an important man came by, but he did not stop to help the hurt man. Later, another man came down the road. He did not help, either—he just kept walking.

“But then, a Samaritan—a man who was from a different place—came by. When the Samaritan man saw the hurt man, he felt sorry for the man. He cleaned up the man’s wounds, put him on his donkey, and took him to an inn. He told the innkeeper to take care of the hurt man. He even gave the innkeeper money to pay for the hurt man to stay there.”

At the end of the story, Jesus asked who was a neighbor to the hurt man. Someone said, “The one who showed mercy to him!”

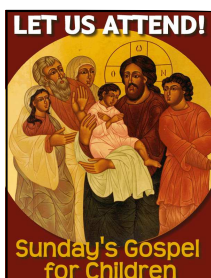
Jesus said, “Go help other people and show them mercy just like the Samaritan did!”



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2. What did the two men do who first passed by the man?
3. What did the third man do?
4. What lesson did Jesus want us to learn from this story?
5. This story is called “The Good Samaritan.” Why is it called that?
6. Look for a chance to be a Good Samaritan and help someone who needs it, today!



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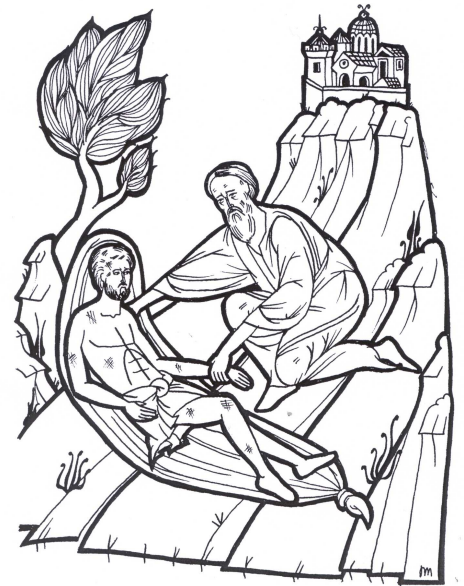
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But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine, then set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and

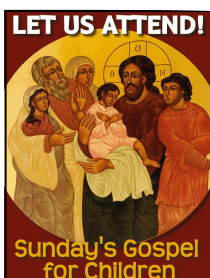
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What question does the lawyer ask Jesus at the beginning of this Gospel?
2. Why do you think Jesus asks the lawyer what he thinks the law says?
3. What commandments does the lawyer quote?
4. What do you think these commandments are telling us to do?
5. Does Jesus give the lawyer a straight answer to his question about who is his neighbor? Why do you think He answers in that way?
6. How about you? Are you a good neighbor to those around you? Look for chances to show mercy to others, today.



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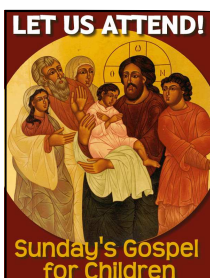
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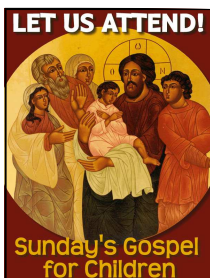
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pay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” The lawyer said, “The one who showed mercy on him.” And Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What does a lawyer have to know a lot about in order to do her job?
2. The lawyer in this story would have been a lawyer of Jewish law, such as the 10 commandments. What laws did God give Moses in the 10 commandments? (Hint: Read Exodus 20:1-17)
3. Why do you think Jesus asked the lawyer what the law says about how to inherit eternal life?
4. How does the lawyer summarize the law?
5. How would you summarize the 10 commandments?
6. What, then, do you need to do in order to inherit eternal life?
7. What one thing can you do this week to help yourself inherit eternal life?



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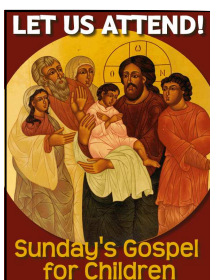


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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Who asks Jesus a question? What does he want to know?
2. What does a lawyer do? What does a lawyer have to know about in order to become a lawyer?
3. Why do you think Jesus asks the lawyer what the law says?
4. What does this suggest about how God relates to human beings?
5. What questions do you want to ask God? What do you think God would say in response to those questions? Do you think he would give you an answer?
6. How can you discover the answers to those questions?



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