

STORY

The Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25-37

TEACHER PRAYER

Dear Lord, this parable also speaks to me about loving my neighbor. You have shown to me such great love by sending Jesus to be my Savior from sin. You saw my need and performed all that was needed to meet my needs. Help me to have a thankful heart that seeks to love You and my neighbor with such a great love as You have shown to me. Help me to recognize my neighbor in my students, in the people who live around me, in the people of my country and anyone who lives in this world. Keep me from being prejudiced against anyone in any way. Guard my tongue, guide my hands, and kindle my heart to do whatever will meet the needs of those around me. This I ask, trusting in Jesus who has done so much for me. Amen.

VOCABULARY

Lawyer - the same as a scribe; someone who studied the Law of God enough for people to consider him an expert in it.

Wanting to justify himself - the lawyer wanted to show off how much he knew and how well he had kept the law.

Jerusalem to Jericho - the second is 15 miles northeast of the first and 1,575 feet lower.

Levite - a member of the tribe of Levi who served in the temple, probably as a teacher.

Samaritan - a person who lived in Samaria, the region between Judea and Galilee. These people were descendants of a mix of Jews and heathens. Their religious beliefs, though they contained some of the Scripture, also mixed in heathen beliefs. The Jews despised them, holding a deep prejudice against them.

OUTER AIM

Jesus showed how a man was a neighbor to a stranger.

INNER AIM

God's love prompts us to love all men as neighbors.

BACKGROUND

(Rupprecht Bible History References Vol.2, pp. 230-236)

A parable is an earthly story with a spiritual meaning. Because it is easier to learn from examples and concrete illustrations, Jesus used events and pictures from daily life to make His point. This parable is a practical one illustrating, "Who is my neighbor?"

Luke 10:25

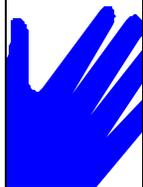
- ▶ The leaders of the Jewish people were often trying to trap Jesus in what He said, rather than actually trying to learn from Him. This is another of those occasions.
- ▶ The question contradicts itself, because an inheritance is not usually earned, but rather a gift. But Jesus overlooks that issue because He wanted to help this lawyer grow, not embarrass him.

v. 26

- ▶ Jesus, knowing the man considered himself an expert on the law of God, asked him to answer the question.

v. 27

- ▶ The Lawyer quotes from the Scriptures: Lev. 19:18 and, with a little enhancement, Deut. 6:5.



v. 28

- ▶ Jesus agreed that by following the Law of God exactly, a person can live just as Lev. 18:5 says.
- ▶ But Jesus hoped that the man would realize that no one can keep the Law perfectly.

v. 29

- ▶ But the lawyer then wanted to justify asking the first question.
- ▶ Perhaps he hoped that either Jesus would answer wrongly or that he himself would be shown to be a true keeper of the law. So he asked, "Who is my neighbor?"

v. 30

- ▶ Jesus answers with a parable, a story to illustrate a moral or religious message.
- ▶ Concrete examples teach better than abstract thoughts or phrases.
- ▶ Jesus describes someone in serious need. Because of the location, the man likely was a Jew whom the thieves robbed and left wounded for dead, though Scripture doesn't say.

v. 31

- ▶ By coincidence, yet God works in all things (Acts 15:18), though this is a story, a priest came along the road.
- ▶ A priest was definitely a teacher and servant of God's Word. He surely should have known how to do the right thing before God and man.
- ▶ But, whether in fear of the robbers or just being selfish, the priest went to the opposite side of the road in order to go around the dying man. No sign of mercy there.

v. 32

- ▶ In the same way, a Levite, also a servant and teacher of the Law of God, should have done better, but also, avoided any contact with the dying man.

v. 33

- ▶ A Samaritan man was traveling there and came to the place where the man was.
- ▶ Samaritans were despised by the Jews as people not having true and pure religion, as being heathens and unworthy of respect.
- ▶ This man, unlearned though he was in the law of God, had genuine compassion on the man.
- ▶ He didn't just have pity, utter an "Oh my, that's too bad," and walk on.

v. 34

- ▶ He went to the man where he was and helped him in his need.
- ▶ Using the medicine of his day, he patched the wounds and brought him to safety where he could take care of the man himself.

v. 35

- ▶ And even though he had to continue his journey, the Samaritan paid money for their night's stay as well as how ever long it took the man to recover. He made sure that the wounded man would be taken care of well.

v. 36

- ▶ Then Jesus asked the lawyer his own question. Which of the three treated the wounded man as his neighbor?

v. 37

- ▶ The Lawyer, unwilling even to say the word "Samaritan," described him as the one who showed mercy.
- ▶ Jesus then replied in effect, if you consider yourself an expert of the law, then don't be just a reader and teacher of the law, you also need to perform the mercy behind the law.
- ▶ Law without mercy is a cruel, loveless taskmaster.

STUDENT PRAYER

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PRESENTATION

Briefly review the previous story as time allows. Make links to the new story when possible.

Tell the story: Teachers, be encouraged to tell the story in your own words while remaining faithful to the scriptural account. When scripture records the story in more than one place, you may want to harmonize the accounts (including extra details found in each account). Let the students know where they can find the additional details in the Bible.

Discuss the story: While reviewing the major events of the story, discuss the possible applications to the students' lives. Ask questions that make them think about the story and show that they understand the story.

APPLICATIONS

1. Who then is our neighbor? Our neighbor is anyone who we see has a need. God created and died for all people and all people have the same great need for a Savior. (Gal 3:28. Matt. 28:19) Discuss prejudice for that is what the Jews felt towards Samaritans. Against whom do people today practice prejudice? Think both locally and in other countries. Not only other races, but Christians throughout the world also face prejudice and persecution.
2. In thanksgiving for how Jesus willingly came to our aid by giving up His life into death for us, we want to love our neighbors as ourselves, as God asked. Love goes beyond fine words when we are talking to others. It also takes action to help those we love. And since our neighbor is anyone that we see with a need, we never lack opportunity to show our thankfulness to God through loving actions towards our neighbor. Discuss some ways that God gives us opportunities to love our neighbors. Some states have passed "Good Samaritan" laws, encouraging people to help others.
3. The Lawyer believed that he was good enough at keeping the law that he could earn eternal life. He wanted to show that off to others by having Jesus acknowledge it. But Jesus showed him that keeping the law goes beyond just following the letter of the law. It extended also to having a heart ready to love, no matter who received that love. Show from Luther's explanation to the 5th commandment and others how this is true. As we see that we cannot keep the Law of God perfectly, how then do we hope to inherit eternal life?

PASSAGES

These passages can be assigned as memory work or simply discussed in class as to how they fit the lesson.

Lower

Luke 10:27 - So he answered and said, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

Middle any of the above and...

Galatians 3:28 - There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

John 15:5 - "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

Upper any of the above and...

Ephesians 2:8-10 - For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Matthew 9:13 - But go and learn what this means: "I desire mercy and not sacrifice." For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.

HYMN CHOICES

"That Man a Godly Life Might Live" (TLH 287 1,6,11-12)

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In" (TLH 235 1-3,6-8)

"I Gave my Life for Thee" (TLH 405)

"Soldiers of the Cross, Arise" (TLH 501)

The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

Jesus often used stories about everyday life to teach about God and His Kingdom. These stories are called parables. Today we are going to hear Jesus teaching a parable to answer this question: "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus told this story.

A man was walking down a road. Robbers hurt him, and left him lying on the road very, very hurt. Soon, a priest or pastor walked by, but he didn't want to help the man lying wounded. Instead, he walked by on the other side of the road.

Next, a helper from the temple or church came by. He looked at the wounded man, and walked by without helping.

Finally, a man from Samaria, a place that were not friends, walked up to the injured man and felt sorry for him. He stopped, and bandaged the man's wounds. He took him to an inn, and took care of him there. The next day, the Samaritan paid the owner of the inn to take care of the injured man.

After Jesus had finished telling this story, He asked the temple teacher this question: "Which of these three men treated the wounded man as his neighbor?"

The man said, "The one who was kind to him."

Jesus said, "Go, and do the same."

Jesus told a parable about the man who helped his neighbor.

Jesus wants us to love our neighbor as ourself.

Passage

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27

Hymn - *"I Love Jesus" (tune of Are You Sleeping) Can be a sing and repeat song.*

I love Jesus ... This is true ... And I know He loves me, ...
Loves me too...

Jesus loves me ... This I know ... He is always with me ...
Where I go...

He's the Way.. Truth and Life... He is always near me...
Day and night...

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Today we heard that we show love for our neighbor with words and actions. You loved us so much that You died on the cross to take away our sins. Now we will live forever with You! Thank You, Jesus! Please help us to show love for others by all that we think, say and do. In Your Name we pray. Amen.



Classroom Activity - Color in the heart if the sentence is true. Do nothing if the sentence is false. Decorate the heart at the bottom of the page and cut out. It can be made into a necklace, magnet or door hanger.

- ♡ A man was hurt by robbers.
- ♡ The Samaritan helped the man.
- ♡ The priest helped the man.
- ♡ A neighbor is the person who lives next door.
- ♡ The temple worker helped the man.
- ♡ We love our neighbors because Jesus first loved us.





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One day, a man who taught in the temple spoke to Jesus. He was trying to trick Jesus into saying something wrong. The man asked Jesus, “What do I have to do to inherit eternal life?”

Jesus answered, “What is written in the Bible?”

The man said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all you mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”

Jesus said, “You answered correctly. Do this, and you will live.”

But the man asked Jesus, “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus wanted the man to know that love for our neighbor can be seen in our words and actions. Jesus told the man this story to help him understand.

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Activity One - Color in the heart if the sentence is true. Do nothing if the sentence is false.



A man was hurt by robbers.



The priest helped the man.



The temple worker helped the man.

Passage - Write each set of letters in backwards order. You will see a passage from the story.

You
uoY llahs evol eht droL

ruoy doG htiw lla rouy

traeh htiw lla rouy luos

htiw lla rouy htgnerts

dna htiw lla rouy dnim

dna rouy robhgien sa flesruoy

Prayer

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Jesus often used stories about everyday life to teach about God or His Kingdom. These stories are called parables. Today we are going to hear Jesus teaching a parable to answer this question, "**How do we show love to our neighbor?**"

One day, an expert in God's law spoke to Jesus. This man thought that he had loved God and his neighbor perfectly. He was also trying to test Jesus. The man asked Jesus, "What do I have to do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus asked, "What is written in the Bible?"

The man said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus said, "You answered correctly. Do this, and you will live."

But the man was looking for an excuse for his lack of love. He asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus wanted the man to know that loving our neighbor shows in our words and actions. Jesus told the man a story to help him understand.

A man was walking down a road from Jerusalem to Jericho.

Robbers hurt this man, took everything he had, and left him dying on the road. Soon, a priest walked by, but he didn't want to help him. He walked by on the other side of the road.

Next, a Levite, who was a helper from the temple, came by. He looked at the wounded man, and walked by without helping.

Finally, a Samaritan walked up to the man. He felt sorry for him. He stopped, put oil and wine on his wounds, and bandaged them. He brought the injured man to an inn, and took care of him there. The next day, the Samaritan paid the owner to take care of him.

Later, Jesus finished telling the parable, He asked the lawyer a question. "Which of these three men treated the wounded man as his neighbor?"

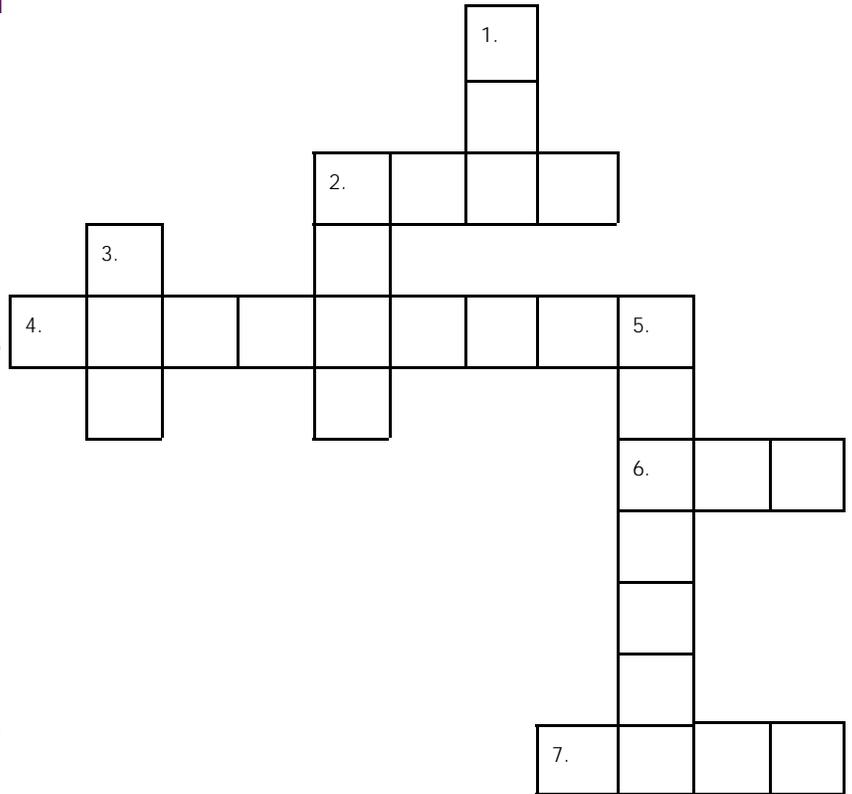
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Review - Complete the crossword puzzle.

Across

- 2. The priest did not ___ the injured man.
- 4. The good ___ helped the man.
- 6. The Samaritan took the man to an ___.
- 7. We ___ our neighbor because Jesus first loved us.



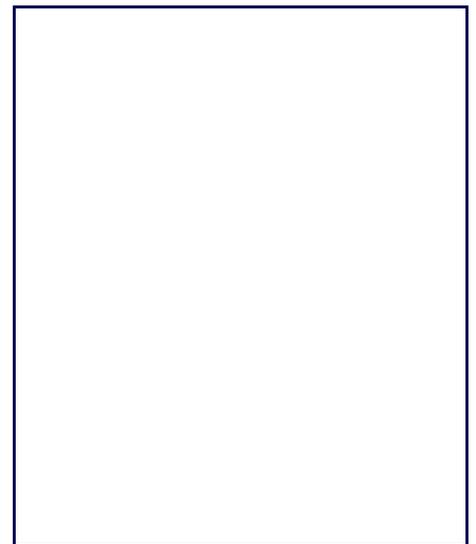
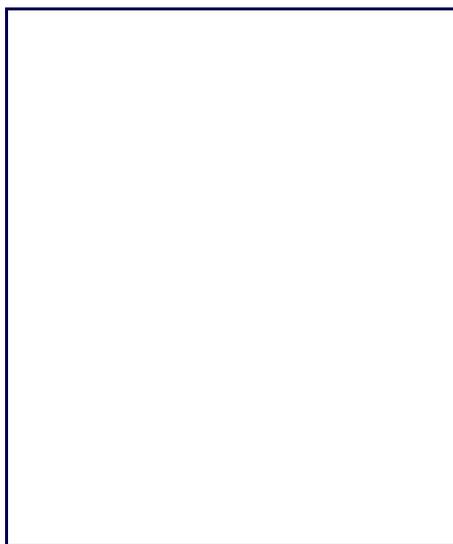
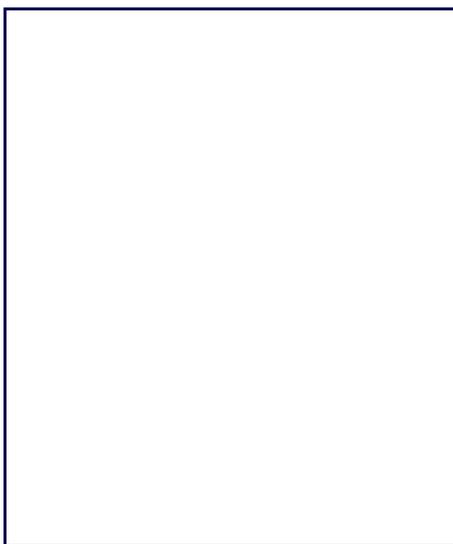
Down

- 1. The Samaritan put wine and ___ on the man's wounds.
- 2. A man was ___ by robbers.
- 3. An expert in the ___ came to question Jesus.
- 5. A ___ is anyone who has a need.

Activity - Complete the following sentences and pictures. Use these words :

think, say, do.

Jesus loves me! I can thank Him by loving my neighbor in all I



Bible Passages - Unscramble the words in each line. The first word is given. Use the words in Luke 10:27 if you need help.

"You _____

God love Lord the shall your

with _____

all heart all soul your with your

with _____

strength all your mind all and with your

and _____ *Luke 10:27*

yourself. as neighbor your

Talking to Jesus

Dear Jesus,

Today we heard that we show love for our neighbor with words and actions. You loved us so much that You died on the cross to take away our sins. Now we will live forever with You! Thank You, Jesus! Please help us to show love for others by all that we think, say, and do. In Your Name we pray. Amen

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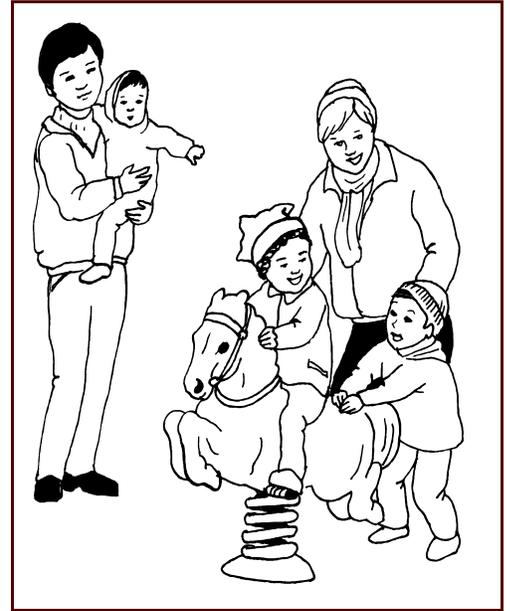
How many people are helping someone in this picture?

How else can one help others?

Why do we behave this way?

Prayer

Lord, open Thou our hearts to hear,
And through Thy Word to us draw near;
Let us Thy Word e'er pure retain,
Let us Thy children and heirs remain.



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And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

{26} He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

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{28} And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

{29} But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

{30} Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him,

and departed, leaving him half dead. {31} "Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

{32} "Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.

{33} "But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. {34} "So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

{35} "On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay



you.'

{36} "So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"

{37} And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

What the Story Tells Us - Show whether the following sentences are true or false by circling the letters in the **True** or **False** column. The letters you circle complete the sentence at the bottom of the section.

	<u>True</u>	<u>False</u>
1. A lawyer came to Jesus to learn from Him.	K	W
2. He needed to learn who his neighbor was.	O	M
3. Jesus told him a parable to help him understand.	R	S
4. The good Samaritan was attacked by thieves.	F	D
5. The thieves stole from and wounded the man.	S	T
6. The priest stopped to help the wounded man.	P	A
7. The Levite showed love for the man.	L	C
8. The Samaritan took the man to his home.	J	T
9. He paid someone to care for the wounded man.	I	H
10. A Samaritan showed love for his neighbor by helping him.	O	F
11. Jesus used the parable to show how to inherit eternal life.	E	N
12. Jesus told the man to love as the Samaritan did.	S	U

We show love for our neighbor with

_____ and _____.

Outer Aim

Jesus showed how a man was a neighbor to a stranger.

What God Tells Us - Love = Action!

How did Jesus show His love for you? You can thank and praise Him by being a neighbor to others. List one way you can show love to each of the neighbors listed below.

Mom or Dad _____

Grandparents _____

Brother or Sister _____

Classmate _____

Non-Christian friend _____

Neighbor _____

A poor family _____

An orphan in India _____

Inner Aim

God's love prompts us to love all men as neighbors.

Passages - Fill in the blanks in the passages below.

Luke 10:27 - So he _____ and said, " 'You shall _____ the _____ your _____ with all your _____, with all your _____, with all your _____, and with all your _____,' and your _____ as _____.' "

Ephesians 2:8 - For by _____ you have been _____ through _____, and that not of _____; *it is the* _____ of _____, not of _____, lest anyone should _____. For we are His _____, created in Christ Jesus for _____, which God _____ beforehand that we should _____ in them.

Galatians 3:28 - There is neither _____ nor _____, there is neither _____ nor _____, there is neither _____ nor _____; for you are all _____ in _____.

Hymn

Read Hymn 405. Which verses are most appropriate for today's lesson? Why do you think so?

Your Turn

You spend your Saturdays volunteering at the local nursing home. Your friend questions why you are "wasting" your Saturday afternoons. Use ideas from the story and Bible passages to answer your friend.

There is a student at school who has been teasing and bullying you all year. That student is now struggling with a math assignment that you understood. How could you follow the example of the Samaritan. Why would you do so?

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

You have shown us perfect love by dying on the cross for us. Because You took away our sins, we will live eternally with You! Forgive us when we do not love our neighbor as You have loved us. Help us to show love with our words and actions to those in need. Help us to see to our neighbor and their needs. In Your name we pray. Amen.

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How do you define "neighbor"?

When are we to be neighbors to others?

Name some opportunities that you have taken and missed to be a neighbor to others.

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Recalling Details - Find the answers to the questions in the puzzle.

H	K	M	G	L	B	A	N	D	A	G	E	D	Z
K	N	M	H	F	T	E	A	W	M	I	O	P	L
J	K	T	C	P	A	L	T	M	X	E	Q	F	S
M	H	T	K	K	A	M	I	G	T	E	S	L	O
K	I	S	Y	C	W	R	R	L	O	H	W	Q	Z
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P	O	I	M	Y	L	I	M	B	F	G	T	R	K
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B	Y	V	L	R	E	Y	W	A	L	R	C	D	E
L	O	S	I	T	K	R	I	L	Z	T	B	Y	H
L	M	G	Q	T	L	K	I	X	Z	S	W	E	I
P	C	V	M	H	E	A	R	T	U	D	H	J	Y

1. A _____ came to test Jesus.
2. He asked what he should do to _____ eternal life.
3. Jesus directed him to the _____.
4. The man quoted, "Love the Lord your God with all your _____, with all your soul, with all your _____ and with all your mind."
5. Jesus shared a _____ with this lawyer.
6. A man was attacked by _____.
7. The _____ and _____ passed by on the other side.
8. A _____ had compassion on him.
9. He _____ his wounds and cared for him.
10. The neighbor was the one who showed _____.

Discussion Questions - Answer these questions from the Bible lesson.

1. How did Jesus direct the lawyer to the law?
2. What did this man think he could do?
3. What was Jesus trying to show this man?
4. What did the parable show this man?
5. Where does love first come from?
6. How did God show His love for us?
7. How do we respond to this good news?
8. How can we thank God?
9. How can we praise Him in relation to our neighbor?

Inner Aim

God's love prompts us to love all men as neighbors.

Passages - Look up the following Bible passages. Why were these Bible passages chosen with this story?

Luke 10:27

John 15:5

Ephesians 2:8-10

Matthew 9:13

Hymn - Look at the following hymns. Which would you choose for today's lesson? Why?

Hymn 287: 1,6,11,12 "That Man a Godly Life Might Live"

Hymn 235: 1-3, 6-8 "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

Hymn 405 "I Gave My Life for Thee"

Hymn 501 "Soldiers of the Cross, Arise"

Prayer

Write a short prayer using the ideas of the lesson, Bible passages, and/or hymns. Use the ideas of both the Outer and Inner Aims.