

Bible Story 46: JESUS TELLS A PARABLE: “THE GOOD SAMARITAN”

SCRIPTURE: Luke 10:25-37

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 10:27 or John 3:16

BIBLE STORY:

One day a professor of the Law asked Jesus what he must do to have life eternal.

Jesus asked, *“What does the Word of God say?”*

The man said, *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength and intelligence. Also, love your neighbor as you love yourself.”*

Then the man asked, *“Who is my neighbor?”*

Jesus replied by telling a parable, a story about a good Samaritan man.

A Jewish man was traveling from the city of Jerusalem to Jericho. On the road, some thieves robbed and beat him. Then they fled. The traveler was very hurt.

Time passed and a priest came by, saw the man, but kept going.

Time passed and a Levite (religious leader) came by, saw the man, but kept going.

Time passed and a Samaritan man came and saw the injured traveler. (A Jewish man did not like Samaritans.) The Samaritan man felt sorry for the injured Jewish man. So he bandaged his wounds, placed him on his donkey, and took him to a lodging place. Before leaving, he gave the owner some money to take care of the Jewish man.

Jesus asked, *“Who helped the injured man?”*

The professor of the Law said, *“The one who helped him.”*

Jesus said, *“Do as the good Samaritan did.”*

PART 1: PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from the story?

2. How can you apply this story to your life?

PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS

1. What do you like about the story?
2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

PART 3: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

1. What is eternal life? How can you have eternal life in heaven? (Read John 3:16.)
2. Jesus asked, "*What does the Word of God say?*" What is the "Word of God"?
3. How are we to love God?
4. How are we to love others?
5. What happened to the Jewish man going to Jericho?
6. Who did not help the injured Jewish man?
7. Who helped the injured Jewish man? Was that unusual? Why?
(Note: In those days, the Jewish people did not like Samaritans. They tried to avoid even touching a Samaritan.)
8. What does the story of a Samaritan man helping a Jewish man teach you?
9. Who are some people you do not like?
10. What are some ways you can help people that you do not like?