

**The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37)**

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### Teacher Notes

Video Abstract (Author: Wild Stories About Jesus and Max7.org): This episode of WILD STORIES ABOUT JESUS retells Luke 10.30-37, detailing Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan. In response to a question by the expert in the Law, "who is my neighbor," Jesus tells the Parable of the Good Samaritan. This video is suitable for showing in schools, kids' clubs and churches and could be helpful for family devotions.

Before watching the video, draw the worksheet chart on a white board and explain to the student that charts are helpful in helping one read the Bible.

Next read the parable with drama and flair!

Jesus took up the question and said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him, beat him up, and fled, leaving him half dead.

A priest happened to be going down that road. When he saw him, he passed by on the other side. In the same way, a Levite, when he arrived at the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan on his journey came up to him, and when he saw the man, he had compassion. He went over to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on olive oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him. When I come back I'll reimburse you for whatever extra you spend.'

"Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"

"The one who showed mercy to him," he said. (Luke 10:30-37, CSB)

Explain what the main characters are: the priest, the Levite, and the Samaritan and fill in the chart.

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Priest	Descendants of Moses' brother Aaron and of the tribe Levi, priests were in charge of Temple offerings and sacrifices.	
Levite	A member of the tribe of Levi, a Levitical priest was the lowest of the three orders of the priesthood. They assist the priests by preparing the sacrifices, maintain the Temple, and help teach the Law.	
Samaritan	While both priest and Levite were dedicated to God, a Samaritan was of mixed blood: part Jew and part Assyrian. Because of their mixed race, they were scorned and outcasts in Jewish society.	

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Both the priest and the Levite, who were dedicated to and served God in the Temple, went on the other side of the path to avoid the hurt and unconscious man.

Only the Samaritan stopped to help, and he went above and beyond by putting the injured man in a hotel and paid to have him cared for.

## 2. The Samaritan had compassion - what is compassion?

The Samaritan had compassion for the injured man.

Compassion is the feeling of sympathy and concern for others that motivates you to help relieve their suffering. In this instance, the beaten and robbed man was unconscious and helpless.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan highlights Jesus' second greatest command:

One of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And He said to him, "'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' "This is the great and foremost commandment. "The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." (Matt 22:35-40)

Note to Teacher: the Jewish lawyer saw the Samaritan's action as "mercy." Mercy is not quite the same as compassion. Mercy appears to be like compassion, but it is shown to someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm. The Jewish lawyer saw the Samaritan's compassion within the context of judgment.

Jesus used the Samaritan to illustrate the neighbor who has empathy for those who are around him and seeks to relieve their suffering.