



The Good Samaritan

A good neighbour or a dear friend helps us whenever we are in need. We too show our love by helping them. But it is equally important to do good to those we don't know.



One day, a lawyer asked Jesus what he must do to have eternal life and Jesus replied by asking him what did God's law say. The lawyer answered that he must love God and his neighbour. But he asked Jesus who his neighbour was? So, Jesus told him a story. A man travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho was attacked by robbers. They took away everything he had and beat him up, till he was half dead.



Quote – *In the parable of the Good Samaritan: "I imagine that the first question the priest and Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But by the very nature of his concern, the Good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'.* - Nobel Peace Prize winner Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., in "Strength to Love"

Quote – *Refugees are not numbers, they are people who have faces, names, stories and need to be treated as such.* - Pope Francis

A priest came by, and when he saw the injured man he pretended not to see him and walked away. Then came a Levite, a man who helped the priests at temples. He too did not help the injured man and went away. But a good Samaritan helped the man sit on his donkey and took him to an inn. He requested the inn-keeper to take care of the injured man, and promised to pay the money spent on his care. Now, Jesus turned to the lawyer and asked him, "which of the three men had been a good neighbour to the injured man." "The Samaritan," said the lawyer. And Jesus told him to go and do the same!

Jesus wants us to love all people, even if they are not our neighbours or friends.



Friendly Neighbours

But a Samaritan who was traveling that way came upon the man, and when he saw him, his heart was filled with pity. He went over to him, poured oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them; then he put the man on his own animal and took him to an inn, where he took care of him.

Luke 10: 33-34



Father, give us, your children, the courage to help everyone, our family, friends and even strangers in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

When you go back home, think of the good things you can do. You can do good even while playing with friends. You can also help your parents in cleaning up your home. Just try, and see how you feel. Don't forget to read the Gospel.





Do you know a Good Samaritan in India called Mother Teresa? Yes, she and her fellow sisters care for the disabled, elderly, sick, blind and, of course, the poorest of the poor. Let's help the sisters reach the two stranded people at the finish.

