

FOR FAMILIES TO LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER IN JESUS

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DIGGING INTO



Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness

[Galatians 5:22](#); [Luke 10:30-37](#)

THE LESSON

One time, Jesus told this story to teach a lesson about showing goodness.

A man is traveling on foot from Jerusalem to Jericho, a distance of 16 miles. Along the way he is attacked by robbers who beat him up, steal all of his possessions—including his clothes—and leave him in the ditch, half dead.

After a while, a priest (a leader in the Jewish temple or church) passes by and sees the beat-up man. But he moves over to the other side of the road and walks by. Then a Levite (a helper in the temple) approaches the half-dead man in the ditch. The Levite also goes to the other side of the road and walks right by.

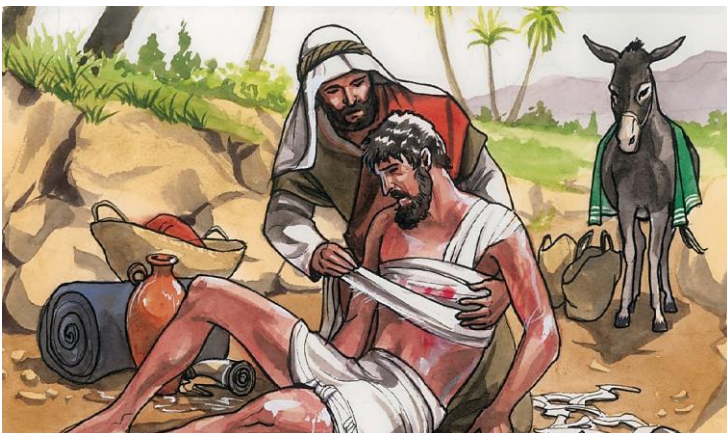
But then a Samaritan (a stranger) traveling through the area, came to where the beaten-up, half-dead man was lying on the side of the road. When the Samaritan stranger saw the hurting man, he rushed over to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine.

Next, the stranger put the half-dead, beat-up man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn (or hotel) and took care of him. The next day, the Samaritan gave the innkeeper some money and said, "Look after him, and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have."

When done telling the story, Jesus asked, "Which of the three men (the priest, Levite, or Samaritan) do you think was a neighbor [and showed goodness] to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The people listening to Jesus' story said, "The obvious answer is the man who stopped and helped, the Samaritan stranger." Then Jesus told the people to do the same for others. Read the actual account in the Bible text above: Luke 10:30-37.

THE POINT

Goodness is a fruit of the Spirit.



WATCH THIS VIDEO NOW



[The Good Samaritan](#)

[The Miracle of Mercy](#)

[God's Story-Good Samaritan](#)

[The Good Samaritan-Share Faith](#)

[A Good Guy](#)

Living By the Spirit

All That Is Good

Fruit of the Spirit

Million Reasons



SING.....sing.....SING.....sing.....SING

Family Together Time

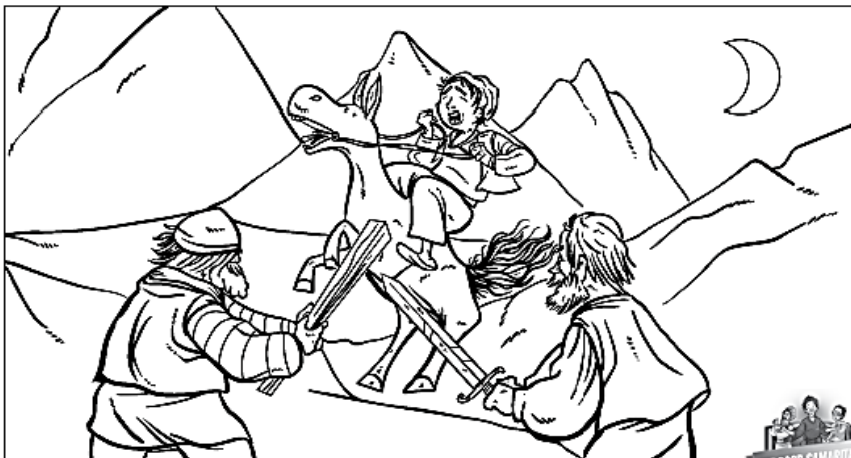
Jesus shared how to be a good neighbor. Be good to your geographical neighbors!

- Assemble *good-y* bags of candy or other fun items.
- Write encouraging notes or draw pictures, and put them in the bags, too.
- Tie the bags shut with ribbon, and loop the ribbon so you can hang each bag on a doorknob.
- Surprise your neighbors by hanging the goody bags on their doorknobs!



THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

LOVE

JOY • PEACE

patience

KINDNESS

GOODNESS

FAITHFULNESS

GENTLENESS

self control

GALATIANS 5:22-23

Let Us Pray Together

Dear Father in Heaven: In every possible way, you are good, and your goodness fills the world. Let your Holy Spirit fill our hearts with your goodness, so that like the Good Samaritan, we share goodness with others who need help, support, encouragement, and love. O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR YOU ARE GOOD; your love endures forever. Amen.