The Good Samaritan

STORY CARD · LUKE 10:25-37

The story

1. An expert in God's law asked Jesus how to have eternal life. Jesus asked him what the law says. The man answered: love God with everything you have, and love your neighbor as yourself. Jesus told him he was right.
2. But the man wanted to look good, so he asked who his neighbor was. Jesus answered with a story.
3. A man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho. Robbers attacked him, took his clothes, beat him and left him half dead by the road.
4. A priest came down that road, saw the man and passed by on the other side. Then a Levite, a man who served at the temple, did the same thing.
5. Then a Samaritan came by. Jews and Samaritans did not get along. But when he saw the man, he felt compassion. He bandaged the man's wounds, put him on his own animal, took him to an inn and paid for his care.
6. Jesus asked which of the three was a neighbor. The expert said, the one who showed mercy. Jesus told him to go and do the same.

MEMORY VERSE

"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 (CSB)

Ask

1. What happened to the man on the road?
2. Who walked by, and who stopped to help?
3. Why was it surprising that the Samaritan was the one who helped?
4. Who is someone at school or at home you could show mercy to this week?

TRY IT THIS WEEK

This week, notice one person everybody else walks past. Stop and say: "Hey, are you okay?"

WHAT IT SHOWS US ABOUT GOD

Being a neighbor isn't about who lives next door. It's about who you stop for, even someone you'd never expect to help. Jesus says the neighbor is the one who shows mercy, and He tells us to go and do the same.

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