

LIFE OF CHRIST  
from the gospel of  
Luke

Lesson 29

The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

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### Younger Verse

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.” Luke 10:27*

### Older Verse

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind. . . Love your neighbor as you love yourself.”*

### Bible Story



*Luke 10:27*

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

One day a man who was well-educated in God’s laws asked Jesus a question. He wanted to know what it would take to live forever with God. Instead of answering the question, Jesus asked the man what the Bible said. The man replied, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ Also, ‘Love your neighbor as you love yourself.’” Jesus told the man that his answer was right.

Then the man asked another question. He wondered who his neighbor was. To help the man understand, Jesus told a story.....

A man was walking from Jerusalem to Jericho when he was attacked by robbers. They took all of his money and left him half dead on the side of the road. Soon a priest came by. He went to the other side of the road and did not help the man. Next a Levite (priest’s assistant) came by. He stopped and looked at the man, but then he also walked by on the other side.

Finally, a man who was not liked came by. He was from a place called Samaria, so he was called a Samaritan. He stopped and helped the man. He put medicine on his wounds and took him to a hotel, where he continued to look after the hurt man. The next day, the Samaritan gave the owner of the hotel some money and asked him to care for the man. The money was about two days’ wages. The Samaritan said when he got back he could pay more money if the man needed it.

Then Jesus asked the religious scholar, “Which one of these men was a neighbor to the hurt man--the priest, the Levite, or the Samaritan?” (You may want your kids to answer the question, too.) The man answered, “It was the one who showed him kindness—the Samaritan.” Jesus then told him to go and love others in the same way.

We can be kind like the Samaritan. We can help others and show Jesus’ love to everyone we meet--even strangers! For us, the Samaritan would be like someone who is different from you. The Samaritan was kind, even when it was someone who was different from him.

### Lesson Goals

**Learn the story of the Good Samaritan**

**Learn that showing love means being kind and helpful**

**Recognize that we can reflect Christ’s love for others**

Jesus cares for us like the Samaritan cared for the man. He loves us so much that He did something for us to help us. We were like the hurt man. All the bad stuff we have done makes our hearts dirty inside. The wrongs that we do are called sin. The sin that we have inside us hurts us because it separates us from God.

Jesus was like the kind man. He made a way to help us and care for us. He died in our place for all the bad stuff we have done (sin). If we believe in Him, He will wash away our sin and erase it from our hearts. Then, we will be clean, and we can go to Heaven one day! If you would like Jesus to clean out your heart, talk to me about it today.

Jesus also wants us to be kind to others. We may not have the opportunity to help someone who has been beaten up, but we can help in other ways to show that we care.

### Review Questions

1. Who were the three people who saw the hurt man on the road? (A priest, a Levite, and a Samaritan)
2. What did the priest and the Levite do when they saw the man? (They walked to the other side of the road.)
3. What did the Samaritan do? (He stopped and helped the man. He put medicine on his wounds and took him to a hotel.)
4. Why did Jesus tell this story? (He answered the religious scholar's question about who is his neighbor. Our neighbor is anyone in need.)

### Life Application

What are some ways we can show kindness to others? Write a get-well card to a sick person, pray with someone, or help someone carry their groceries home. Those are just a few examples of ways to be kind and helpful to others.

Think about times when others have been kind to you. Did it make a difference in your life? When we show kindness to others, it gives us an opportunity to share with them about the love of Jesus. We can tell them how much He loves them. Don't miss an opportunity to love someone in Jesus' name!

Planning for Lesson 30  
Mary and Martha  
Luke 10:38-42

## Preschool Lesson for The Good Samaritan

One day, a man asked Jesus what it would take to live forever with God. Instead of answering the question, Jesus asked the man what the Bible said. The man replied, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ Also, ‘Love your neighbor as you love yourself.’” Jesus told the man that his answer was right.

Then the man asked another question. He wondered who his neighbor was. To help the man understand, Jesus told a story.....

A man was walking to town when he was attacked by robbers. They took all of his money and left him half dead on the side of the road. Soon a preacher came by. He crossed on the other side and did not help the man. Next a teacher at the church came by. He did not help either. Finally, a foreign man, who was not liked, came by. He was from a place called Samaria, so he was called a Samaritan. He stopped and helped the man. He put medicine on his wounds and took him to a hotel. He continued taking care of the man. The next day, the Samaritan paid the hotel owner to take care of the man.

Now Jesus said, “Which one of these men was a neighbor--the preacher, the teacher, or the foreigner?” (*You may want your kids to answer the question, too.*) The man answered, “It was the foreigner.” Jesus then told him to go and love others in the same way.

Jesus told the man to love his neighbor like he loved himself. Who is our neighbor? How can we be kind—even to people who are different from us? Jesus cares for us like the Samaritan cared for the man. He loves us so much that He did something for us to help us. We were like the hurt man. All the bad stuff we have done makes our heart dirty inside. The wrongs that we do are called sin. The sin that we have inside us hurts us because it separates us from God.

Jesus was like the kind man. He made a way to help us and care for us. He died in our place for all the bad stuff we have done. If we believe in Him, He will wash away all the bad stuff and erase it from our hearts. Then, we are clean and can go to Heaven one day! If you would like Jesus to clean out your heart, talk to me about it today.

Jesus also wants us to be kind to others. We may not have the opportunity to help someone who has been beaten up, but we can help in other ways to show that we care.

Sing this song to the tune of “London Bridge.”

Jesus wants me to be kind,  
to be kind, to be kind.  
Jesus wants me to be kind,  
Kindness makes me happy!



**Hands-on Activities  
for  
The Good Samaritan**

Let preschoolers put bandages on dolls or on each other to remember the lesson.

This is a great lesson to act out. Remember to make sure the kids get the meaning of the story and see how they can love their enemies, too.

It's not Valentine's Day, but you can still have fun making Valentine's cards and giving them to friends. Write "Love God and others." on the cards.

There are many songs about loving God and others. Examples: "This is My Commandment, that you love one another," "Beloved, Let us Love One Another," "Amazing Love," etc. Choose one or two to sing with your class.

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**Luke 10:27**



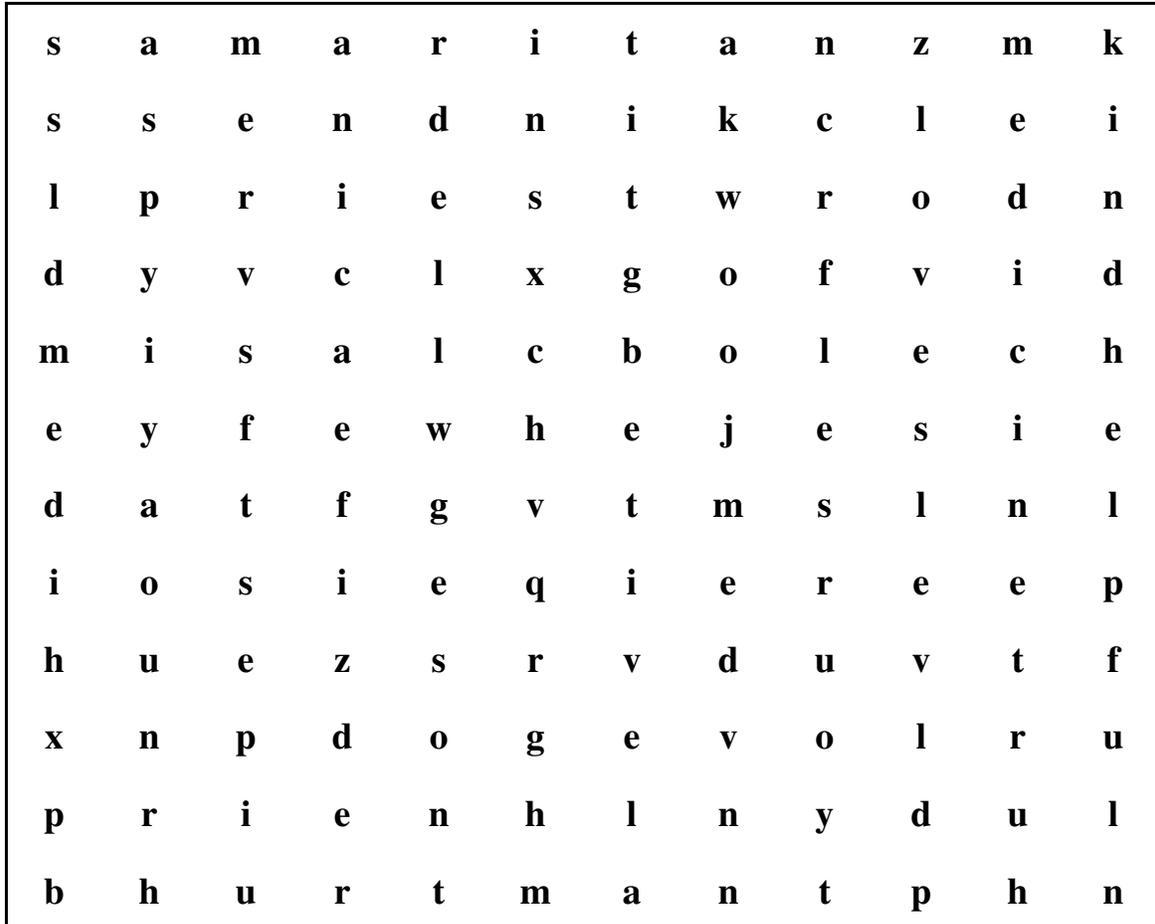
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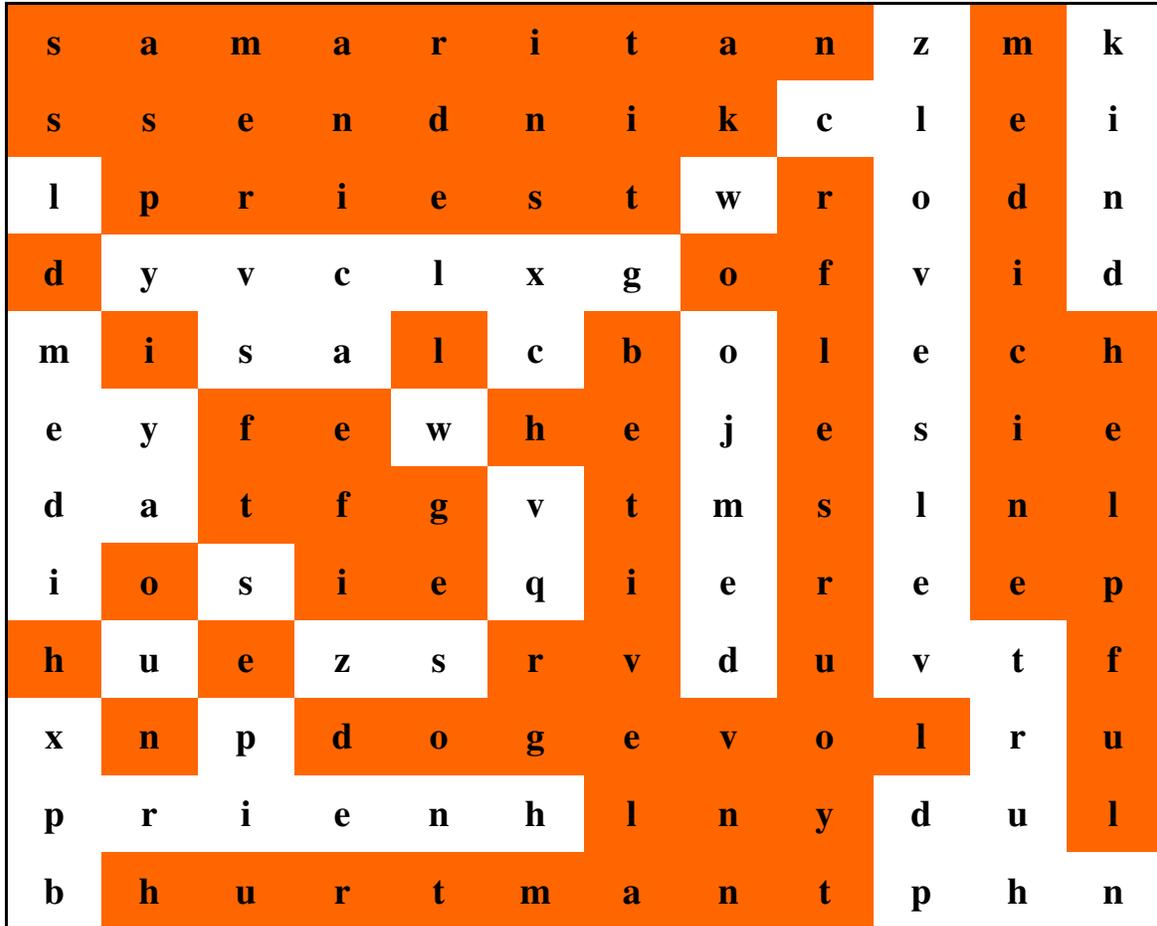
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**Which man stopped to help the man who was on the side of the road? (Circle the correct answer)**

**a. the priest    b. the Samaritan    c. the Levite**

**What did the Samaritan do for the man who was hurt?**

**(Fill in the missing letters.)**

**He put m \_ d \_ ci \_ e on his**

**w \_ u \_ ds and took him to a**

**m \_ t \_ l.**

