



The Good Samaritan showed his love for God
and his neighbor by helping the hurt man.

Dear Parent:

Jesus often taught using parables, which are “earthly stories with heavenly meanings.” The mercy shown by the Good Samaritan points us to the merciful work of Christ for us. “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). Our Savior, Jesus, proved himself the best neighbor of all. We were strangers, haters of God, and Jesus brought us, through grace, to God. We in turn, out of God’s love for us, can love our neighbor. Love to others becomes a heart response, not a legalistic obligation as with the priest and Levite in today’s story. We are a neighbor to everyone God puts in our lives.

We don’t help others just to “do good,” but, because God loved us so much he sent his Son to save us, we respond by wanting to please God and obey him.

Lesson Seven: *The Good Samaritan*

Scripture

Luke 10:25–37

Lesson Aim

To learn that when we trust and love God, we will want to obey him and love others

Memory Work

*Love your neighbor as yourself.
Matthew 22:39b*

First Catechism*

Review 1–8

9. What is God? *God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.*

A Read-to-Me Bible Story

Love God in every way! Show that you love God by loving your neighbor as yourself. “Who is my neighbor?” someone asked Jesus one day. Jesus told them this story.

One day a man was walking down the road. Mean men beat him up. They took his things and left him to die. He was all alone. Along came a man, but he would not help. He walked on the other side of the road. He didn’t care. Then another man came by. He did the same thing! He didn’t help. He didn’t care.

Another man, called a Samaritan, came by with his donkey. The man helped the poor, hurt man by putting bandages on him and giving him medicine. This man put the sick man on his donkey and took him to a place to rest. The man who helped was the good neighbor. He showed love. Jesus tells us to love God and others, too.



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