

The Good Samaritan

SONG IDEAS:

- Have I Done Any Good (#223)
- You Can Make the Pathway Bright (#228)
- Kindness Begins with Me (#145)
- I'm Trying to Be Like Jesus (#78)

THE SCRIPTURE STORY:

- Read this whole story in [Luke chapter 10](#).

25 ¶And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

26 He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?

27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor?

30 And Jesus answering said, A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead.

31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked *on him*, and passed by on the other side.

33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he compassion *on him*,

34 And went to *him*, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave *them* to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

- For Young Children...There are scripture reader stories online that share the story of the Good Samaritan via video for younger audiences. Go to [lds.org](#) and find the children's section to see scripture stories videos. [Reference](#)

A MODERN DAY STORY:

A man named Joe stops to help an elderly woman whose car has broken down. He changes the tire and refuses any pay for his service, asking instead that the woman think of him when she does a good service to someone else. She winds up stopping at a café and leaves a hundred dollar bill to cover her small order and the rest is for a tip. As it turns out, the waitress receiving the tip is the wife of Joe.

[Reference](#)

In about 1983, President Monson and his wife were stranded on the highway in extremely cold weather. A young man stopped to help them. Later, President Monson sent him a letter and a book with missionary chapters highlighted. His father and mother had been praying for him to go on a mission and due to the events of that frosty night and the things that followed, the young man did decide to serve a mission. [Reference](#)

There is a Mormon Message video about a couple of young boys who decide to do something nice instead of play a prank. They find a pair of worn shoes and a jacket beside the road that the farmer had left there to put on after coming in from the field. Each boy places a silver dollar in each shoe and then hides to see the results. The farmer, upon finding the money, is so overwhelmed with gratitude that he drops to his knees in prayer. He mentions a sick wife and how grateful he is for the money and asks blessings on whoever left the money there. [Reference](#)

WHAT DO WE LEARN IDEAS:

- Everyone is our neighbor
- Be kind to everyone
- Do not be mean
- Use your money for good
- Be nice to those who don't like you

LIKEN IT TO US:

- In the past
 - We have always made it a habit in our family to go out of our way to make sure others are feeling included. Once Mom had the feeling to invite a lonely lady to join us for Family Home Evening. After that first night, the lady was invited to come back again and again. She became a long lasting friend to the family.
 - We like to go deliver cookies or other homemade goodies to people just for fun. Usually we place the delivery on the doorstep, ring the doorbell and run so the recipient doesn't know where the goodies came from. We got a giggle out of the time that we delivered some dark molasses cookies to a couple. The day afterwards it was testimony meeting. The man bore his testimony and he was so grateful for the thoughtful people that had delivered chocolate cookies to them the night before. We were doubly pleased because

we then knew no one would ever trace that batch of cookies to us. Why? Because we knew that couple knew that our family doesn't eat chocolate! So, we felt very successful in that endeavor.

- Once our little daughter won a bag of gummy bears while at a gathering of a large group of kids. When she went to retrieve the bag from the place she had left it, it was missing. Her friend saw the unfairness of the situation and came over to our house the next day with a bag of gummy bears in hand. The friend had used her own money to purchase the goodies for our daughter in a nice, thoughtful gesture.
- In the future
 - Christmas caroling
 - Help someone search for missing items
 - Go to a nursing home
 - Take our Family Home Evening away from home and bring it to the home of an older couple or single person in the ward to brighten their day and get to know them better