

Sutton Bonington St Michael

The Good Samaritan

Aim: To explore who is my neighbour

Objective: The children will have heard and acted out the story and explored who their neighbour is and ways in which they can help their neighbour.

Curriculum links:

KS1 – using drama to develop their creative talents and imagination

KS2 – religion and the individual

Activity: The children will listen to the story of the Good Samaritan and act it out for themselves. They will then consider how the man was feeling and what he was thinking at different points in the story.

Resources: A copy of the story of The Good Samaritan.

Information for Leader

This session is based on the window showing the story of the Good Samaritan.

Introduction (15 mins)

- Welcome the children and sit them where they will be able to see the window of the Good Samaritan. Tell that this window has pictures of a story Jesus told and that you are going to read them the story. Explain that you will stop in the story when you get to one of the pictures and ask the children which picture they think you have reached.
- Read the story as below, or from a children's Bible, or with older children you could use a modern version of the Bible, such as The Good News. Stop at each picture from the window and discuss what is happening in the picture and how this relates to the part of the story they have just heard.

Activity (10 mins)

- In groups of seven the children can act out the story themselves (the man, two robbers, two priests, the Samaritan and the innkeeper).

Plenary (15 mins)

- Choose one group to act out the story in front of the whole group.
- Ask the children acting to freeze when you say stop. Stop them at the following places:
 - As the man is setting off on the road to Jericho
 - After he has been robbed
 - As the second priest goes past
 - As the Samaritan comes near
 - When they get to the innEach time ask the children what the man might be feeling and thinking.
- Who is your neighbour? Who can you help? Who would it be hard to help?

Extension

- The children can create plays that put the story into a modern setting.



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The Good Samaritan

One day a man came to Jesus and said, 'What do I have to do to live forever?'

Jesus answered, 'Love God with all your heart, and love your neighbour as much as you love yourself.'

The man thought for a moment and then asked, 'But who is my neighbour? Do you mean the man next door, because that's easy, I like him?'

Jesus told everyone to sit down and he began to tell them a story. It went like this:

One day a man was going along the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. It's a dangerous road with lots of places where robbers can hide, and they often do. The man preferred to travel with other people, but today he was the only one going to Jericho. As he hurried along, what he was dreading happened, and some robbers jumped out at him. They hit him and stole his money and left him to die. He lay there hoping someone would come along and help him.

Soon a man came along the road, it was a priest on his way back from the temple in Jerusalem. Surely the priest would stop and help the man. But he didn't. The priest crossed over to the other side of the road and carried on.

Soon another priest came along. Did he stop? No, he just crossed over to the other side of the road and rushed on his way, leaving the poor man by the road.

The poor man began to wonder if anyone would stop and help him, or if he was going to die on the road.

A bit later, a man from Samaria came along. The Samaritans were the man's enemies; a Samaritan wouldn't speak to the man, let alone stop and help. But the Samaritan got nearer, and he didn't cross over, instead he came to the man and helped him. He bandaged his wounds and gave him a drink (look at the right-hand window here) and then lifted him gently onto his donkey and took him to the next inn. (Look at the middle window) There he gave the innkeeper some money to look after the man and said he would pay the rest of the bill on his way back. (Look at the left-hand window)

Jesus turned back to the man who had asked the question about who his neighbour was, 'Who was the good neighbour in the story?' he asked.

'The third one, the Samaritan.'

'That's right,' said Jesus, 'He was the good neighbour. So you can go and be a good neighbour as well.'