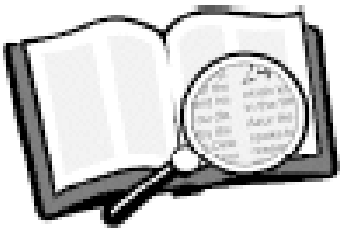
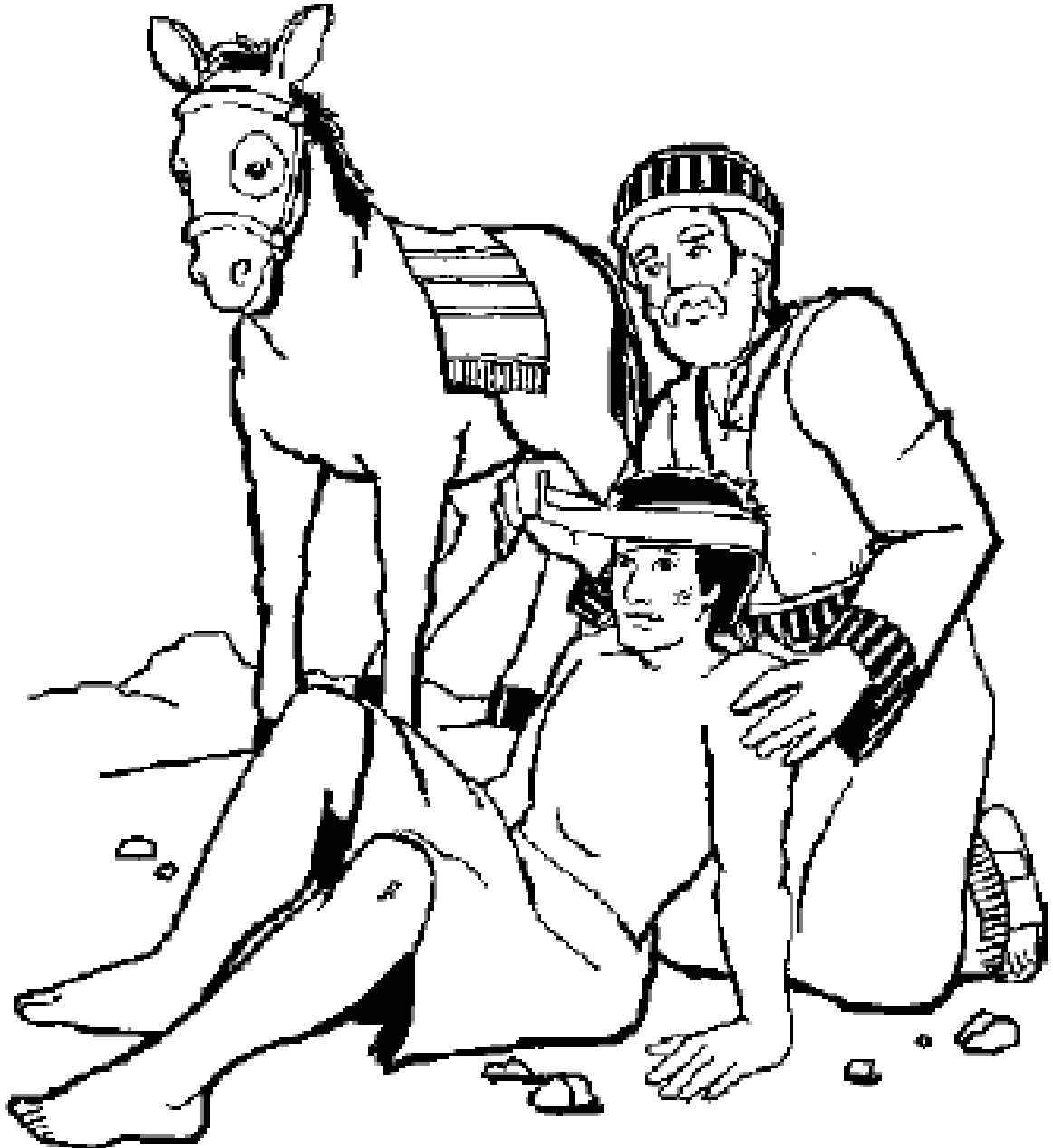


# The Good Samaritan

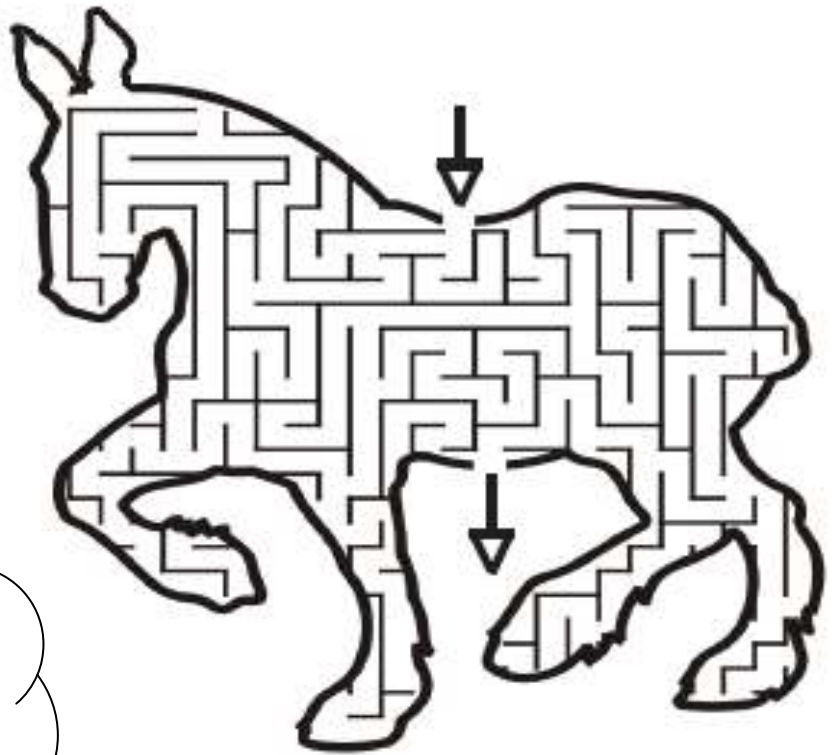
Once a man was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. He was attacked by robbers. They stole his money, beat him and left him beside the road. A priest came along, but he did not help that man. A religious man walked by, but he did not help the man. Then a Samaritan came along. He knelt down beside him, treated his wounds and bandaged them. The Samaritan put the man on his donkey and took him to an inn where he took care of him. The next day, he paid the innkeeper and told him to take care of the man.



He answered: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Luke 10:27

Can you solve this puzzle?



Which of the three men proved that he is a neighbor to the man attacked by bandits: the priest, the religious man or the Samaritan?



Connect the dots and color the drawing!

## **Lesson 19**

### **The Good Samaritan**

**The Bible text:** Luke 10:25-37

**Key Verse:** Luke 10:27

**Purpose:** The children will understand how important it is to love their neighbor.

#### **Please note!**

Plan suitable activities for your group of children. The following activities can be adapted depending on the group's size, age, ability, the amount of time available, etc.

#### **I. Lesson**

Before working on the coloring page, tell the story of the Good Samaritan, starting with this question: Has someone ever done something nice for you that you did not expect? (Let the children answer.)

In the Bible we are told about such a person. Jesus himself told this story.

One day an expert in religious law came to test Jesus by asking Him: "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He was an expert in religious law, so he knew the law. But Jesus, who knew his heart, replied: "What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?" The man answered: "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul and all your mind and love your neighbor as yourself." "Right," Jesus told him. "Do this and you will live!" The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus: "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied with a story:

"A man was traveling on a trip from Jerusalem to Jericho. Some bandits attacked him, they stripped him of his clothes and money, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. A priest came along, but he didn't even look at him and passed him by. A Levite (a Temple assistant) walked by, but he didn't help him either. These men knew God's law (the Law says "love your neighbor") and they claimed to know of God. Still, they didn't do anything to help the man. Finally, a Samaritan came along. The Samaritans were looked down upon and despised. No Jewish man wanted to be close to them. They all avoided Samaria. The Samaritans were like some groups in our country who are considered inferior. It was hard to believe that such a man, a Samaritan, would kneel beside a Jewish man to save him. Nevertheless, the Samaritan had pity on him. The Samaritan treated his wounds, put the man on his donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. He paid the innkeeper and told him to take care of the man. He said "If his bill runs any higher than that, I'll pay the difference the next time I am here."

The question is: "Which of these three would you say showed love to the man who was hurt?" (Let the children answer.)

The religious man gave the same answer. Then Jesus said: "Go and do the same!"

The children must know that this story was told by Jesus. They must remember what it means to love your neighbor as yourself and also they must know that this is one of God's commandments.

**Suggestion:** For younger children you may use puppets made out of socks, paper bags or clay.

## II. Activities

### 1. The Key Verse

a. Read the key verse out loud:

He answered: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'\*; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Luke 10:27

b. Explain some key words:

One of the greatest commandments given to us by God is the following:

“Love the Lord, your God!” How?

- With all your heart, meaning life.
- With all your soul, meaning feelings.
- With all your strength, meaning energy.
- With all your mind, meaning intellect

c. Help the children memorize the verse.

### 2. Review questions for the children

- Who told this story?
- What happened to the Jewish man as he traveled along the road?
- Who passed him by?
- Who saved that man?
- What did the Samaritan do?
- Which of the three was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?
- Who is our neighbor?

## III. Conclusion

It is useless to say you love God, who you can not see, if you do not love your neighbors, who you can see. To prove that you love your neighbors, you must treat them nicely, respect them, and help them. Jesus said that we have to love even our enemies, praying for them, talking nicely to them and helping them. So, do you love God? Go and do the same thing the Good Samaritan did! Love your neighbor.