



## **Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for October 18, 2020**

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### **"Love for Neighbors"**

**Lesson Text:** Luke 10:25-37

**Background Scripture:** Leviticus 19:18, 34; Luke 10:25-37

**Memory Verse:** "Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise" (Luke 10:36, 37).

### **Luke 10:25-37 (KJV)**

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 thy 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 neighbour?

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 had 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.

### **KEY CONCEPT**

Jesus taught that we should love our neighbors.

## MESSAGES TO CHILDREN

1. We should love our neighbors (others) as we love ourselves.
2. Our neighbors are all others that we meet.
3. Always be kind and treat others as you want to be treated.

For Today's Story Lesson, you will need your Bible.

## WORDS TO KNOW AND EXPLAIN

**Expert** – a person who knows a lot about something

**Good Samaritan** – a person who does good and kind things for others

**Inn** – a building where travelers can stay (like a hotel)

**Levite** – a group of men who were assistants to the priests

**Neighbors** – not just those who live near us but also other people we meet

**Parable** – a short story that teaches an important lesson

**Priest** – religious leaders who worked in the temple (like a pastor)

## TEACHER'S NOTES

In his Gospel, Luke recounts Jesus' ministry in three major sections: (1) events in and around Galilee (Luke 4:14–9:50); (2) Jesus on His way to Jerusalem (9:51–19:44); and (3) the events of Jesus' final week in Jerusalem (19:45–24:53). Luke's Gospel is unique in its central section, which begins shortly before the lesson text. Most of the parables found in Luke are in this section, the first being the parable in our text.

A primary theme of Jesus' ministry in Judea was God's love for the lost and lowly: sinners (example: Luke 15), outcasts (example: 14:15–24), Samaritans, and the poor (example: 16:19–31). Jesus' countercultural teaching challenges us to demonstrate inclusive love even toward our enemies. The lesson text calls us once again to practice inclusive love. In the passage just prior to our text (10:1–24), Jesus sent out 70 of His followers in pairs to proclaim, through word and deed, that "the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you" (10:9). Both Jesus and His 70 emissaries rejoiced at God's power working through them (10:17–21).

Immediately preceding the lesson passage, Jesus spoke with His 70 followers at the conclusion of their fruitful mission (Luke 10:17–20). Although some commentators view Jesus' interaction with this "lawyer" (10:25) as an interruption of His debriefing discussion with the disciples, the exact time and place of this scene is unspecified.

This parable is unique to Luke, but its subject matter and setting are like texts found in Matthew and Mark. Matthew 22:34–40 and Mark 12:28–34, are clearly parallel to one another, but the connection to Luke is less certain (compare Luke 10:27). The Lucan event appears to be a separate incident covering the same theme.

## TODAY'S STORY LESSON

One day when Jesus was teaching His disciples a man who was an **expert** in *the law* (the Bible), like a Bible expert, asked Him a question. The Bible expert asked Jesus, "What do I have to do to have eternal life?" (live with God forever).

Jesus did not answer the question. But asked the man, "What does God's Word say?"

The man then told Jesus that God's laws (Word) tell us to first love God with all our heart, our mind, and everything in us. Then we should love our **neighbors** as we love ourselves.

Jesus told the man that his answer was correct. Jesus then said to him, do those things, and you will live.

The Bible expert had another question for Jesus. So, he asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?"

Jesus then told the following **parable** (short story) to help the man understand:

One day a man was traveling on a road and was attacked by thieves. (Say, isn't that terrible!) The thieves took the man's clothes and beat him. They left the traveler by the side of the road to die.

While the traveler was lying on the side of the road, three men passed by. The first man was a **priest**. He ignored the hurt man. He crossed to the other side of the road and did not stop to help.

The second man was a **Levite** or an assistant to the priests. He also did not stop to help the hurt man and crossed to the other side of the road to avoid him.

The third man was a Samaritan. Samaritans were a group of people who were considered enemies of the Jewish people. This Samaritan man would not be expected to help. But Jesus said that it was this man who did stop to help. He was also kind to the hurt man and helped him. The **Good Samaritan** even brought the hurt man to an **inn** and took care of him. The next day, good Samaritan left money with the innkeeper to continue taking care of the hurt man.

After Jesus finished the story, He asked the Bible expert which one of the men he thought was a neighbor? The Bible expert told Jesus that the man (Good Samaritan) who showed kindness to the hurt traveler was the good neighbor. Jesus then told him to go and do the same (to help everyone who is in need, this is being a true neighbor).

## **TELLING HOW TO LIVE**

We know that we should love God with all our heart. Then we are to love and serve (help) our neighbors. These are not just those who live next door or near us. Our neighbors are all other people that we meet. We are to be kind to others and treat them how we want to be treated.

To call someone a "Good Samaritan" means that they are kind and help others. Let's be loving and kind to others and help where we can.

## **EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE**

**"Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise" (Luke 10:36, 37).**

The short story that Jesus told showed us that a neighbor is any person in need. When a traveler was robbed and beaten, three men had a chance to help. But only one person helped the beaten up man. We should do like the person who helped (the Good Samaritan). Always be kind and help others.

## **PRAYER**

Dear Father in Heaven, we love You and thank You. Help us to love and be kind to our neighbors (everyone), in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON**

Next week's lesson is "Love Never Fails" and teaches students how important love is for living as God's people. Study 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.

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(Luke 10:25-37)

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