

# Week 39 Parent Sheet: The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37 NIV

*Learn who your neighbor is and how to show true love!*

Bethlehem Family Childcare – Wednesdays: Story Time (9:30-10:00) and Bible Time (10:00-10:30)

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## Many Events of Jesus' Life in Chronological Order:

- Born (5 BC)
- Named – when 8 days old
- Presented at the Temple – when 40 days old
- Visited by Wise Men – when 2 to 5 months old
- Fled to Egypt – when 2 to 5 months old
- Returned to live in Nazareth – when 1 year old
- His parents thought He was lost – when 12 years old
- Baptized by John – when 30 years old
- Some important events of His three-year ministry:
  - ➔ Tempted in the wilderness
  - ➔ Moved from Nazareth to Capernaum
  - ➔ Called His disciples
  - ➔ Preached the Sermon on the Mount
  - ➔ Performed many miracles
  - ➔ Sent out His disciples to heal and teach
  - ➔ Warned about persecution
  - ➔ **Told many parables**
  - ➔ Heard of the death of John the Baptist
  - ➔ More miracles and teaching
  - ➔ Transfigured, Moses and Elijah appeared with Him
  - ➔ More miracles and teaching
  - ➔ Welcomed into Jerusalem – on Palm Sunday
  - ➔ Taught many things – on Holy Tuesday
  - ➔ Instituted the Lord's Supper – on Holy Thursday
  - ➔ Arrested, tried, crucified, and died – on Good Friday
  - ➔ Raised to life – on the third day, Easter Sunday
  - ➔ Ascended into heaven – 40 days after Easter

## Background:

1. During Jesus' life and ministry He fulfilled many OT prophecies, taught with authority, and did many mighty miracles; all such things prove that He is the Son of God, the Promised Savior of the world!
2. In today's parable, *a physical story with a spiritual meaning*, Jesus will show us who our neighbor is, how to show true love, and our need for Him!

## The Good Samaritan:

1. **The setting:** <sup>25</sup> On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life [NOTE – eternal life is inherited, NOT earned or deserved; we can only inherit it through knowing Jesus as our Savior and God as our Father; see Matthew 7:21-23 and John 17:3]?" <sup>26</sup> "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read

it?" <sup>27</sup> 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.'" <sup>28</sup> "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." <sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" // Sounds good, just keep God's Commandments and go to heaven, *BUT no one can actually keep them perfectly*: "...no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin" (Rom. 3:20 NIV).

2. **The Parable:** <sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A **priest** [a Jew, who served God in the temple] happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a **Levite** [a temple worker], when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a **Samaritan** [a person who was part Jew and part Gentile, and hated by most Jews], as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out **two denarii** [two days wages] and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'" // Even though the first two were more likely to help; instead, *the Samaritan helped!*
3. **The Application:** <sup>36</sup> "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" <sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." // We should all be that way, yet only Jesus was that way without sin; therefore, *only through Jesus is heaven open for us and all!*

## Thoughts:

1. Let us trust in Jesus and His work for heaven!
2. Then, *thankful for the gift of heaven*, let us show love by taking action for all who are in need!