

Citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven show sacrificial kindness and mercy to everyone, including their enemies.

Story Time with Jesus

Lesson Eight

The Parable of The Good Neighbor

Name: _____

neighbors as ourselves.

two passages as the greatest commandments: to love God with all our heart, soul and might, and to love our

the Old Testament. We now know these lawyer responded with two passages from

asked him what he thought, and the Jesus how to inherit eternal life. Jesus

An expert in religious law once asked

33 "Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. 34 Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. 35 The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.' 36 "Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked.

37 The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."

for dead.

traveling along and got beat up, robbed and left Jesus told a story of a Jewish man who was justify himself. He asked who is neighbor is.

inheriting eternal life. But the lawyer wanted to obeying the greatest commandments he would Jesus told the lawyer he was right, that by

Luke 10:25-37

"25 One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: "Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 Jesus replied, "What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?" 27 The man answered, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind." And, "Love your neighbor as yourself." 28 "Right!" Jesus told him. "Do this and you will live!" 29 The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. 31 "By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. 32 A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

the one who was a good neighbor.

care of the injured Jew. This Samaritan was his own time, belongings and money to take enemy of the Jews, came by, and he sacrificed avoid the hurt man. Then a Samaritan, an priest walked by, and then a Temple assistant. They both crossed the street so they could Three men passed by the injured man. First a

From this story, we learn that everyone we encounter is our neighbor, and that we are good neighbors who fulfill the greatest commandments when we do things to show kindness and mercy to everyone. This includes people we don't really like or get along with. We give up our own time, stuff, and money to care for the needs of those around us.