

Story: **The Good Samaritan**

Background Scripture: **Luke 10:30-35**

YOU WILL NEED: *Signs that say: Man on the Road, Half Dead Man on the Road, Priest, Levite, Robber 1, Robber 2, Samaritan.*

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Based on Luke 10:30-35

Choose 1 volunteer—

Tell them that they are going to help you tell a story that Jesus told. Give him the sign that says *Man on the Road*.

SAY: Once there was a man traveling on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho when some robbers attacked him.

Choose 2 volunteers—

Give them the *robbers* signs and have them act out the story as you tell it.

SAY: They beat him, robbed him, stripped him (turn to your robbers and say, “Just kidding. Don’t really do it!”) and left him half dead on the road.

Have the *Man on the Road* lay down and give him a new sign that says *Half Dead Man on the Road*.

Choose 3 volunteers—

Give them the signs that say *Priest* and *Levite* and *Samaritan*

SAY: A while later a **priest** came walking down the road. **Does anyone know what the priest did?** He saw the man and passed by on the other side. Then a **Levite** came by. **Who knows what he did?** He passed by on the other side too. They didn’t want to bother with him or perhaps they thought he was dead or were afraid the robbers were still nearby. Either way, they didn’t care enough to help the man.

SAY: Then a Samaritan came by. When Jesus was telling this story the people probably thought they knew what was coming next—They probably thought the Samaritan would finish him off. You see, the Samaritans were enemies of the Jews because they were a mixed race and there was a great hatred between them. So in Jewish stories, the Samaritans were always the bad guys. But what do you think this Samaritan did? That’s right. *He stopped, bandaged his wounds, put him on his donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him and never asked for anything in return. He even paid to take care of the man until he was better. He treated this man right.*

Have the team sit in a circle.

ASK: How do you think Jesus wants us to treat others?

Read Matthew 7:12—“*So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.*”

Have the students **repeat** this verse phrase-by-phrase after you. If they say it real weak, tell them to do it so loud that they disturb other classes down the hall!

SAY: Jesus wants you to treat others right—to treat them the way He would treat them. This means loving others the way you love yourself.

ASK: What do you think Jesus would do in the following situations:

- Someone calls him a name?
- Someone steals his lunch money?
- Someone hits him?
- Someone cuts in front of him in line for the water fountain?
- Somebody is making fun of someone else?

SAY: Jesus would always treat others the way He would want them to treat Him, which means speaking the truth in love, standing up for what is right, and always loving people even when they didn't love Him back.

ASK: What do you think the greatest act of kindness is?

The greatest act of kindness is telling others about Jesus.

ASK: What are some ways you can tell others about Jesus? Share your testimony (you might need to explain what testimony means), live for Jesus, talk about Jesus, pray for others when they hurt or have needs, treat others right.