

THE good samaritan

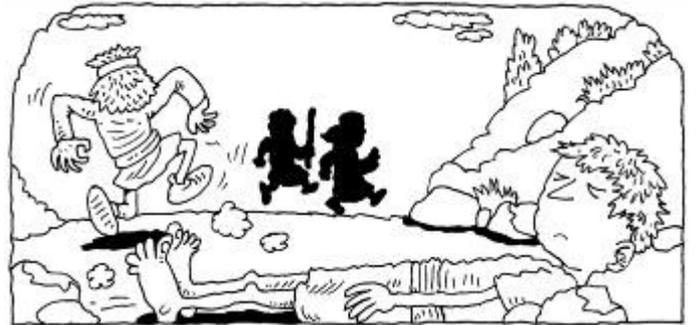
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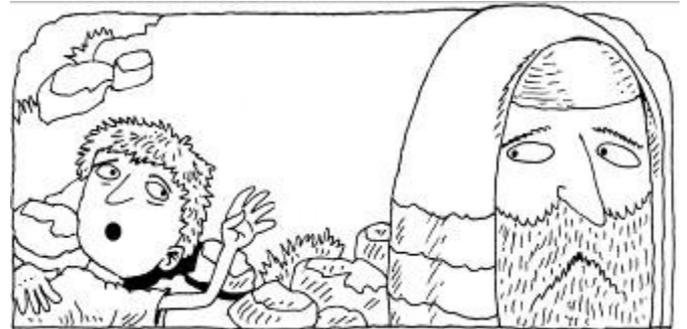
When Jesus said, "Love your neighbor," someone asked him, "Who is our neighbour?" Jesus told this story.



A man was walking along the road from Jerusalem to the town of Jericho when some bad men ran off with his coat and left him lying on the side of the road, badly hurt.



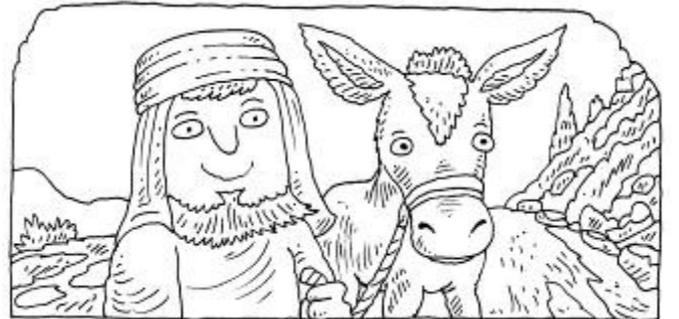
The hurt man lay in the hot sun. At last he saw someone coming past. It was a very holy man who loved to pray. "Help me please," cried the hurt man.



But the very holy man took no notice. He walked on the other side of the road. He didn't stop to help the hurt man. He was too busy praying to God.



A very clever teacher, from his own town, came past. He walked on the far side of the road and pretended not to see the hurt man. He did not stop to help him.



A stranger from the country of Samaria came along the road with his little donkey. He saw the hurt man by the side of the road. The man from Samaria was very kind.



"I will help you, my friend," said the kind man from Samaria. He gave the man a drink of water, helped him and put him on his donkey's back.



He found a place for the man to stay and paid for everything he needed. Jesus wants us to help other people. That is called "being a good Samaritan."