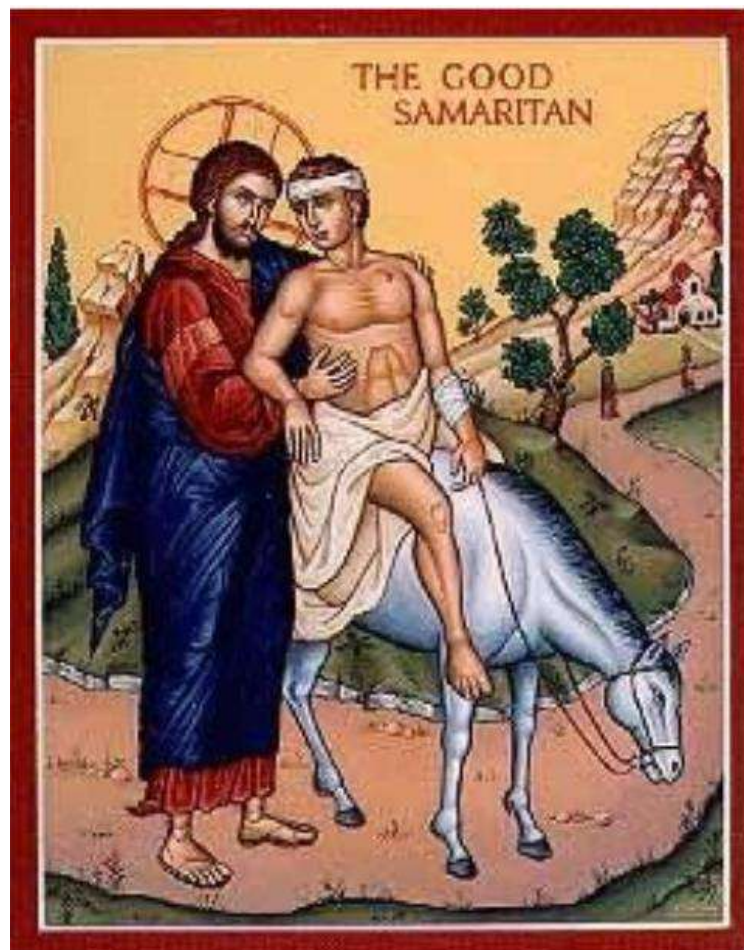


The Parable of the Good Samaritan



Did you know that in the time of Jesus...

A Priest was someone who works in temple. All priests had to be descendants of Aaron, the brother of Moses

A Levite was someone did other jobs in the temple. Levites came from the tribe of Levi.

Samaria was the area between Judea and Galilee.

Samaritans prayed on Mt Gerazim – not in temple.

Jews did not have much respect for Samaritans.

Roads were a place of danger – hilly country & rocky outcrops. There was always the danger of robbers.

Light candle and read story first... directly from Bible.

Luke 10:30-37

Show the road



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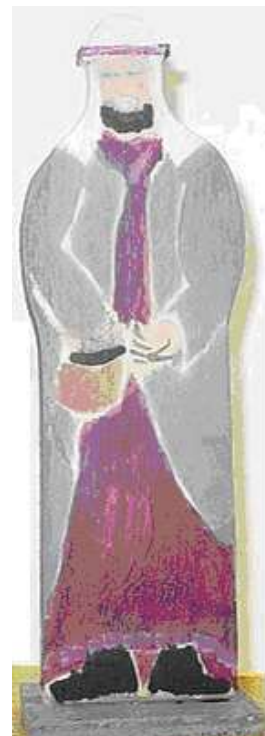


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33 But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight.

34 He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him.



35 The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.'



36 Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbour to the robbers' victim?"

37 He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Snuff candle.

Think about...

Why do you think priest and Levite passed by without helping?

Why do you think the Samaritan stopped and helped?

Which one do you think you would we like to be? Why?

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