

APPLICATION

The story of the good Samaritan shows how to “**love** your neighbor as yourself,” but how are we supposed to “**love** ... God with all [of our] heart”?

Actually, we must love God before we can love others. But, we cannot love God by ourselves. He has to help us because our hearts want to love the world instead.

If we ask for forgiveness and repent of our sins (disobedience) (?1), God will give us the power to follow Him. (?2) Then, when we follow Him and obey His words, we can show love to God and others. (?3)

Gal 5:22,25

So, what are the three steps to begin loving God?

1. Ask for _____ and repent
2. By doing #1, God will give us the power to _____ Him
3. When we follow Him, we begin to _____ Him and we can show His love to _____!

Do you love God?

If so, write down some ways you can show that love to others!

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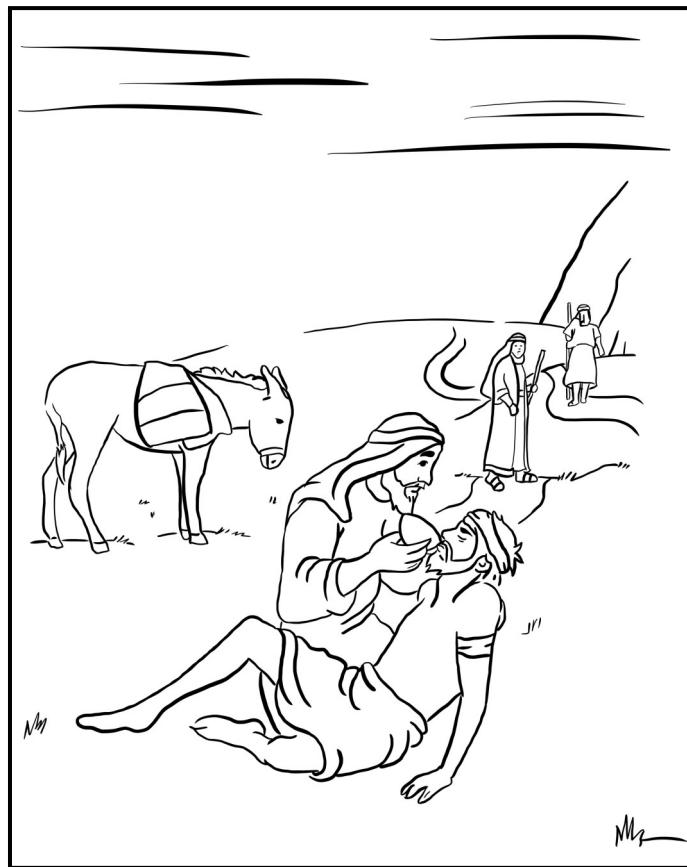
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L Love



“*love* ... God with all your heart, ... and ... *love* your neighbor as yourself.”

Mark 12:30-31 NLT

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love your neighbor as yourself.”

Instructions: Read the story, then go back and reread the story and answer the questions.

Luke 10:30-37 NLT

The Bible says: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?”* (**?(1)(2)**)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.**’ (**?(3)**)

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. (**?(4)**)

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. (**?(5a)**) ³² A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. (**?(5b)**)

³³ “Then a ... 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. (**?(6)**) 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. (**?(7)**)

³⁷ The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.”

Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.”

QUESTIONS

1. Because he thought he knew more about the Bible than Jesus, who stood up to test Jesus?

2. Even though the “expert” already knew the answer, he asked Jesus:

“What do I do to receive _____?”

3. Which verse gives the answer to the expert’s question? _____

4. In the story Jesus told, a Jewish man was attacked and left nearly dead by _____.

5. Two men came across the hurt Jewish man and crossed the road to pass by him instead of helping. Who were the two men?

a. a _____ and **b.** a _____

6. A Samaritan came along and felt sorry for the Jewish man. Even though in those days Samaritans and Jews did not like each other, what are a few things the Samaritan did to help the Jew? _____

7. “Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” _____

8. What would you have done if you saw the Jewish man hurt on the side of the road? Would you have walked past him or felt sorry like the Samaritan? _____
