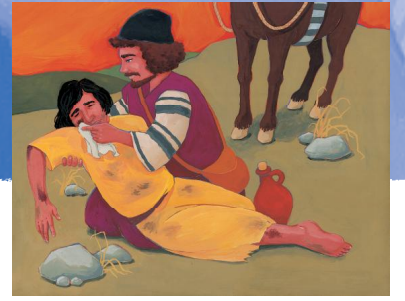


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THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Luke 10:30–35

A man was on his way from Jerusalem to Jericho when he was set upon by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him, and left him lying half dead.

A priest, using the same road, saw the injured man, but passed him by.

A Levite did likewise.

A Samaritan, however, who saw the injured man, had pity on him and helped him. He treated the wounds with oil and wine, and dressed them. Thereafter he brought him on his beast to the next inn and cared for him.

Before continuing on his journey the following day, he instructed the innkeeper to care for the injured man and paid him for it. In the event that the host did more, he would pay him for it when he returned.

EXERCISE 1



Read these articles and answer the questions.

JERICHO NEWS:

Audacious attack!

Three weeks ago a traveller was ambushed. On his way from Jerusalem to Jericho, brutal bandits overpowered him. They robbed him and left him lying, badly wounded. Only the selfless help of a stranger saved him.

JERUSALEM DAILY NEWS:

UNBELIEVABLE!

The chain of attacks does not end! Once again there was a victim on the blind mountain path through the desert from Jerusalem to Jericho. Eyewitnesses report that an injured man lay at the side of the road, bleeding profusely. A selfless passerby saved the victim by administering first aid using oil and wine. Then he brought the seriously injured man to a nearby inn where he even paid the innkeeper to take care of him. What an exemplary deed! Where can that still be found today?

ISRAEL POST REPORT

Documentary!

Mr M. from J. reports:

On my last journey from Jerusalem to Jericho, I was attacked at a blind spot. I was robbed to the last penny and my precious clothes were taken from me. Then I was beaten and, badly injured, left to my fate. I don't know how long I lay like that. Twice I subconsciously heard someone come near me. I had prayed for help, but each time the footsteps abated. The third passerby finally took notice of my groaning. The stranger cleaned my wounds and applied makeshift bandages. On his mount he then brought me to the nearest inn, instructing the innkeeper to take care of me. He paid him in advance for two weeks. Without him I would have been lost.

Surely you know who the selfless passerby was (Luke 10:33)!

It was a _____.

Which two did not help (Luke 10:31–32)?

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EXERCISE 2



What are compassion and mercy? Record the board text here.

How the Samaritan helped:

Being compassionate includes

He noticed the injured man
and did not pass by.

He poured oil and wine
into his wounds, brought
the injured man to an inn,
and cared for him.

He ensured that the
injured man would continue
to be cared for, and paid
for the care with his
own money.

EXERCISE 3



In the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord Jesus referred to the merciful (Matthew 5:7).

_____ are the merciful,

for they shall _____.

What significance does this have for us?
Discuss it!