

LC: Can I understand codes for living that Christians use?



- Think back to last lesson. What was the summary of the code for living that Jesus gave?
- *"Love God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength... And love your neighbour as yourself"*
- Who do you think 'your neighbour' is?



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Who is my neighbour?

Jesus was asked this question by a fellow Jew and he told the following story as an answer. See if you can work out who is 'your neighbour'.

One day, a Jewish man went out for a stroll along the road between Jerusalem and Jericho.



Along the way, two bandits jumped onto the road and stole all of the man's belongings.



The bandits stole his possessions, beat him and left him for dead at the side of the road.



After a short while, a priest walked by and saw the man lying on the ground. **Did the priest help him?**

No, he did not.



The next traveller to walk by was a Levite. The Levite's job was to help with the duties at the temple in Jerusalem.

Did the Levite help him?

No, he did not.



Soon, a Samaritan came along and saw the Jew lying on the ground. Samaritans and Jews usually didn't get along at all. They had very different beliefs, which made them treat each other badly.



Did the Samaritan man help him?

Yes, he did!

The Samaritan covered the dying man with his cloak.

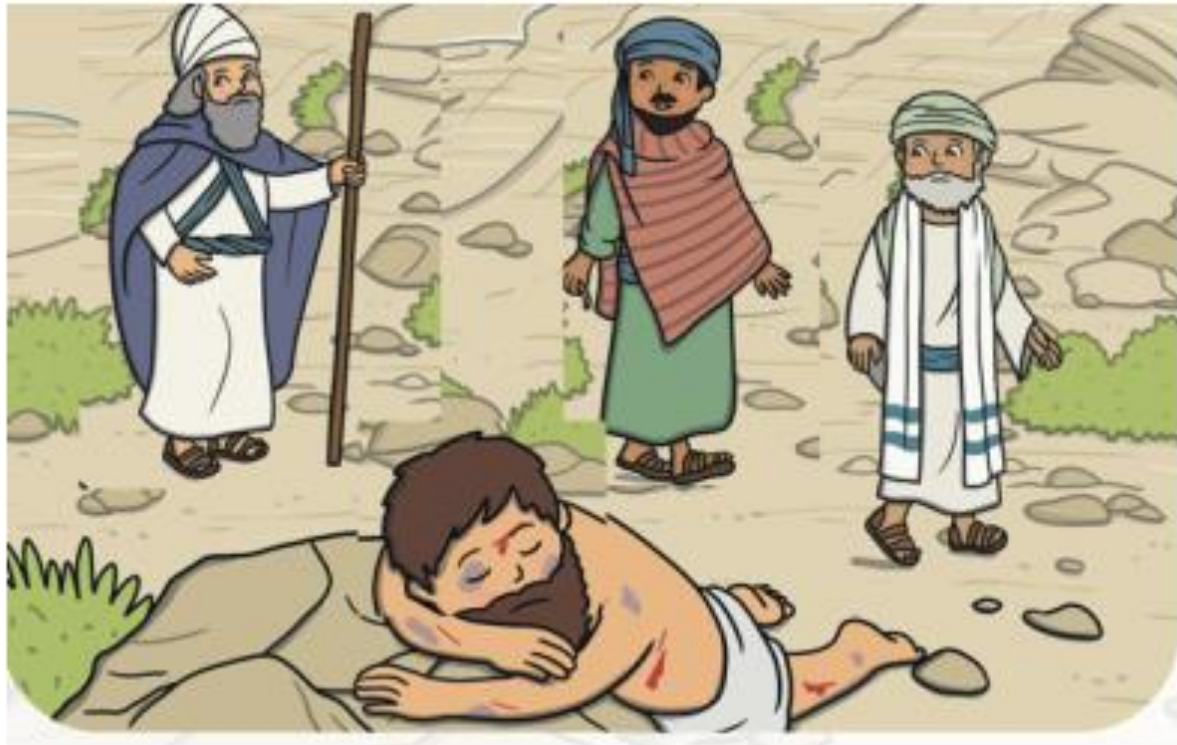


He put the man on his donkey and took him to a nearby inn.



He gave the innkeeper money to care for the man. He explained that he had to continue his journey, but would return later on his way home and pay for anything else that was needed.





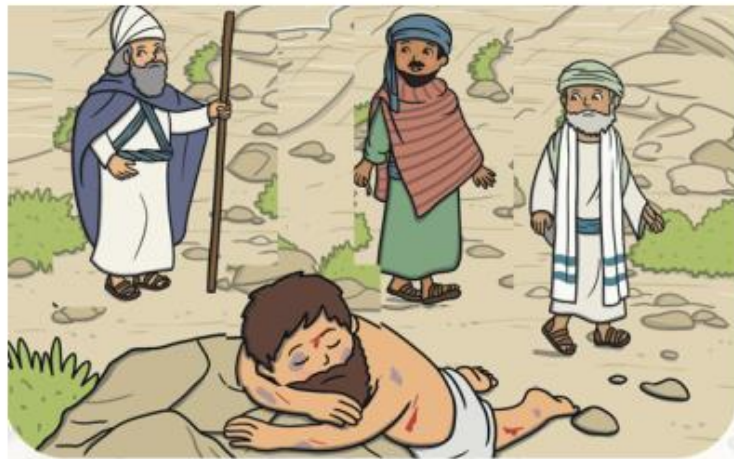
Jesus asked the people who had heard his story, "Who was the neighbour?"

"The one who helped the man", they responded.

"Go and do the same!" Jesus explained.

Who is my neighbour?

- This story is often called 'The Good Samaritan'
- It is important to remember that the Samaritans and the Jews did not like each other. Jesus taught that people should still help their enemies. He also taught that you should not expect people who are different to you to be worse than you.



Look at these situations. In your books answer this question for each one

- How could you be a good neighbour (a kind and helpful person) to the people in this situation?



- Situation 1: someone at school is ignored by others

I could be a good neighbour in this situation by_____

- How could you be a good neighbour (a kind and helpful person) to the people in this situation?

Situation 2: People made homeless by a disaster



I could be a good neighbour in this situation by_____

- How could you be a good neighbour (a kind and helpful person) to the people in this situation?

Situation 3: People in another country do not have enough food



I could be a good neighbour in this situation by_____

- How could you be a good neighbour (a kind and helpful person) to the people in this situation?

Situation 4: An old person on your street lives by themselves and has no friends



I could be a good neighbour in this situation by_____

Challenge Question

- In your book, explain when it is easy to be a good neighbour and when it is hard.
- *It is easy to be a good neighbour when _____*
- *It can be hard to be a good neighbour when _____*

Final question

- **Some people say 'charity begins at home', meaning you should help the people closest to you before you help others.**
- **How much do you agree with this view?**