The Good Samaritan

KWL Chapter 16 (Luke 10:29-37)

YOU WILL NEED:

- Light yellow or cream felt background (the area between Jericho at Jerusalem was desert)
- Felt road and rocks
- 2D characters: Good Samaritan, 2 robbers, priest, Levite, man, donkey (see RE Online for 2D masters)
- Jericho
- Jerusalem

Children are seated in a semi-circle ready to listen to the story. When the children are settled, go to the shelf and carry the materials as you would the Bible. Place these beside you.

Place the felt background in the middle of the story space. Place the road on top of the background. Place the rocks on both sides of the road with robbers under the rocks. Place Jericho at the far end of the road away from you. Place Jerusalem at the end closest to you.

One day Jesus was teaching the people to love God and their neighbours. A man stood up and asked Jesus a question. "And who is my neighbour?" To answer him, Jesus told this story.

Place man on the road near Jerusalem. Move him down the road a little way as you say: Once a man was going down a lonely road from Jerusalem to Jericho,

Bring robbers out and place on top of the man.

when he was attacked by robbers. They took all that he had and bashed him until he was half dead.

Move man to side of road. Remove robbers. They left him on the side of the road.

Move priest down middle of road from Jerusalem. When he comes to the wounded man, move priest to the other side of the road, and then down to Jericho.

A priest who served in the Temple walked by.

He saw the wounded man but crossed to the other side and passed by.

Move Levite down middle of the road from Jerusalem. When he comes to the wounded man, move Levite to the other side of the road, and then down to Jericho

Next, a Levite, a man who helped in the Temple came along. He also crossed the road and hurried past.

Move Samaritan and his donkey down middle of road from Jerusalem. When he comes to the man, move Samaritan over next to him.

But, then, a Samaritan came down the road. He saw the man and felt sorry for him. He knelt down and cleaned his injuries with oil and wine.

Place wounded man on donkey.

He bandaged him, lifted him on to his donkey. *Move Samaritan and wounded man almost to Jericho.*

He and took him to a place where he could be looked after.

The next day, the Samaritan gave the man in charge enough money to look after the injured traveller.

When Jesus had finished telling this story he asked, "Which of these three men was a true neighbour to the wounded man?"

Remove priest, Levite and Samaritan. Move wounded man to the centre of the space. Place priest next to the wounded man.

I wonder if the priest, who served in the Temple, was a good neighbour.

Replace priest with the Levite. I wonder if the Levite, who helped in the Temple, was a good neighbour.

Replace Levite with Samaritan.

I wonder who was a good neighbour in the story.

The people listening to Jesus said, "The one who looked after the wounded man was a true neighbour." Jesus ended the story by saying, "Go, and do the same yourself."

Engage with 'I wonder', KWL p164.

I wonder...why the robbers bashed up the man...if the priest who served in the temple was a good neighbour...if the Levite who helped in the temple was a good neighbour in this story...why Jesus said go and do the same yourself...why Jesus told this story...who our neighbours really are...if you have people of different ages and cultures living near you...what happens when neighbours are unkind to one another...how neighbous can care for one another.

Carefully pack story materials into storage box and put on shelf. Ensure that children are watching so they know how to pack the materials away and where to find them.