

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

From Glenview Sunday School Lesson 1.20

(Teacher narrates and gives “stage directions.”)

Characters (7)

Jesus

Lawyer

Victim

Priest

Levite

Samaritan

Innkeeper

Other Characters

Disciples and the many other people who met the Lord as

He traveled to Jerusalem (as many as are needed to give all the children a part)

- Notes:** The scene with the thieves is not included in order to maintain an appropriate sphere.
- If the teacher and the children are so inclined, the dramatization can be done twice to give children chances to play larger parts.
- The teacher may choose to omit quoting the conversation of Jesus and the lawyer before and after the parable and can describe the conversation instead.
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The First Conversation Between Jesus and the Lawyer

[**Jesus** and the **lawyer** “on stage”]

A lawyer stood up and questioned Jesus,
“Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

Jesus asked him,
“What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?”

The lawyer answered Him,
“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as
yourself.”

And **Jesus** said,
“You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.”

Then the **lawyer** asked,
“And who is my neighbor?”

[Jesus and the lawyer sit down while Jesus tells the parable of the good Samaritan.]

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The Parable

A **man** was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. Thieves (robbers) attacked him and hurt him, leaving him half dead.

[While teacher narrates, have victim travel, then suddenly lie down to depict being wounded.]

A **priest** came down the road, but when he saw the hurt man, he went around him and continued on his way.

[Have the priest do this.]

A **Levite** came by and looked, but he also passed by.

[Have the Levite do this.]

But a **Samaritan** saw him and felt sorry for him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. He put him on his animal and took him to an inn where he took care of him.

[Samaritan goes through these motions while the teacher narrates.]

The next day, the **Samaritan** took out two denarii, gave them to the **innkeeper**, and told him to take care of the wounded man. He promised to repay the innkeeper if it took more money than he had left with him. Then the **Samaritan** left.

[Act this out as teacher narrates.]

[End of parable]

The Second Conversation Between JESUS and the Lawyer

[Have **Jesus** and the **lawyer** stand up again.]

Then **Jesus** said,

“So which of these three do you think was the neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?”

And **the lawyer** said,

“He who showed mercy on him.”

Then **Jesus** said to him,

“Go and do likewise.”