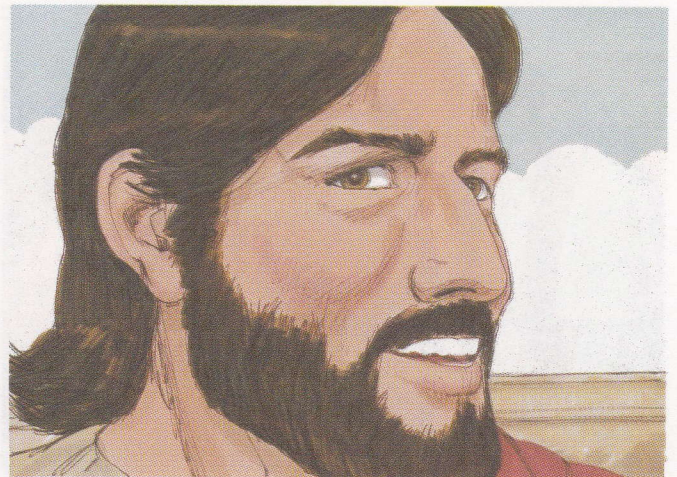


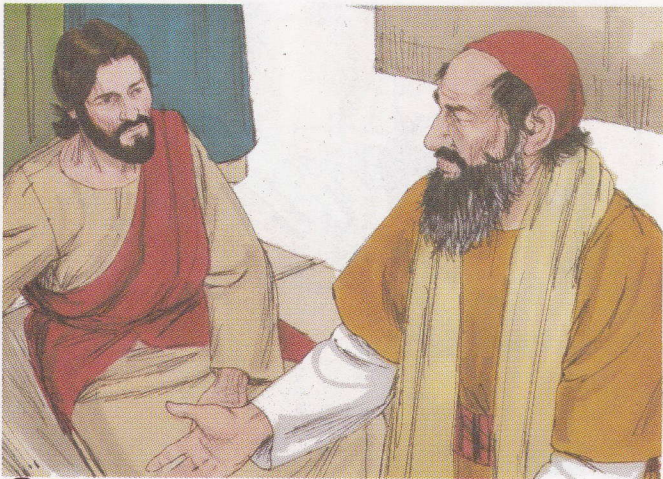
# The Good Samaritan



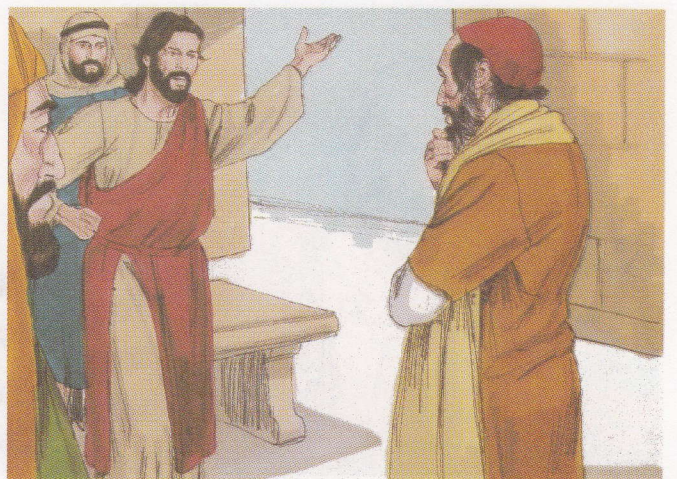
**1** One of the scribes, the teachers of the Jewish law, asked Jesus a question in order to test him.



**2** "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered by asking him a question: "What is written in the law? What do you think the answer is?"



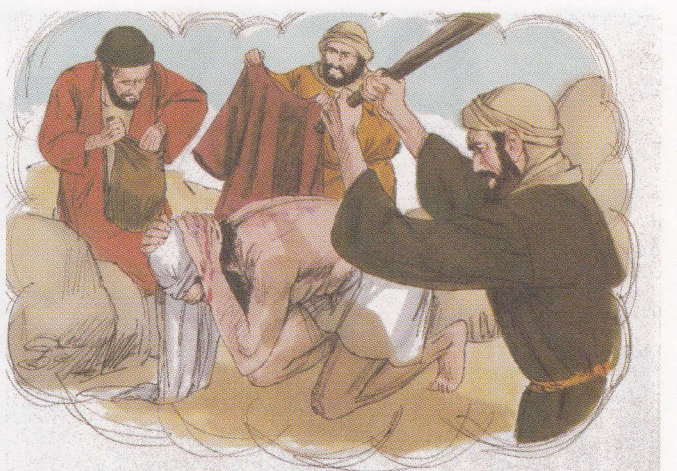
**3** The teacher answered: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and strength and mind, and 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"



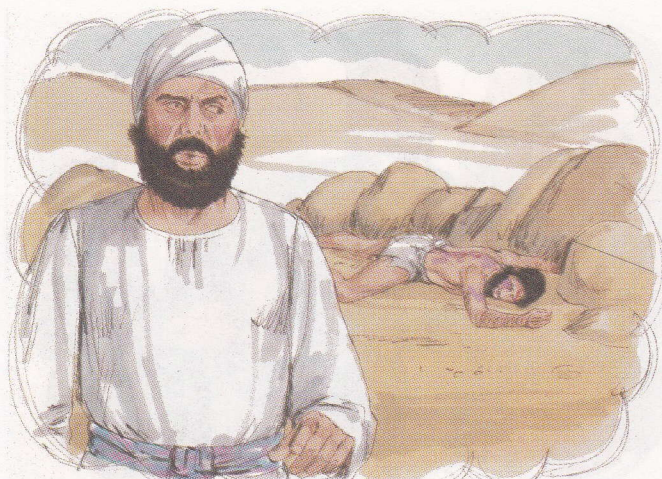
**4** "Your answer is correct," Jesus said. "Do this and you will live." But the scribe wanted to make himself look good, so he asked, "Well, who is my neighbor?"



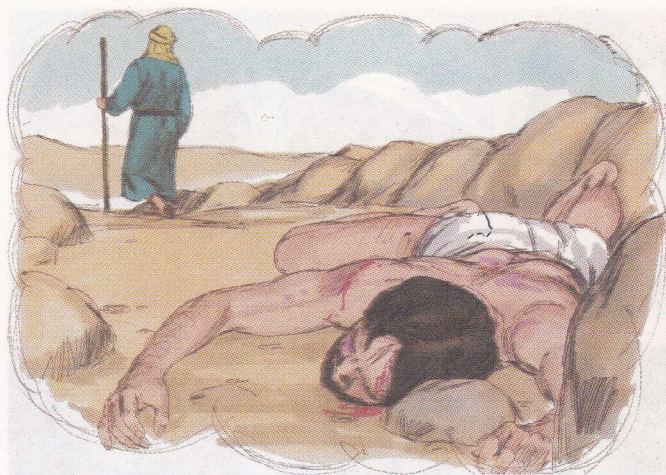
**5** Jesus answered with this story: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho."



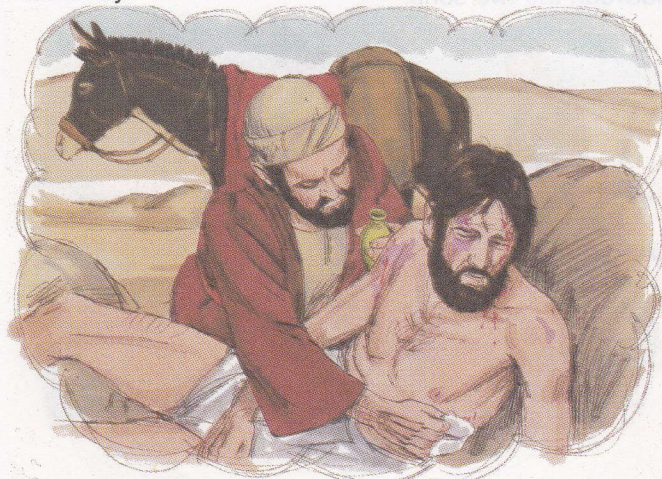
**6** "On the way some robbers attacked him. They tore off his clothes and beat him. They left the man half dead."



**7** "Now a priest happened to come down the same road. When the priest saw the man lying there, he didn't stop. He moved to the other side of the road and went on by."



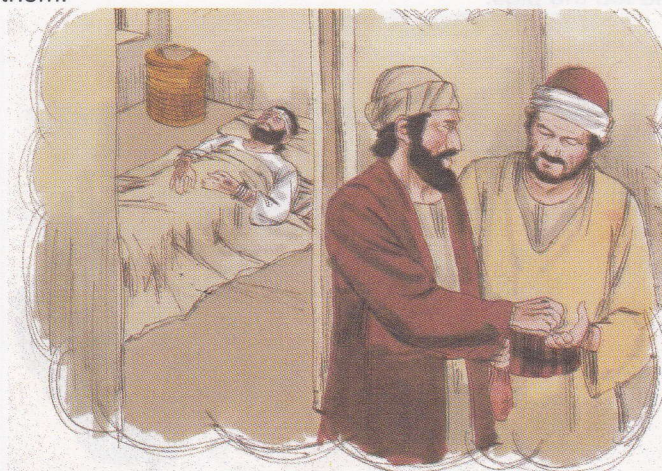
**8** "Then a Levite came along. When he saw the man who had been robbed and beaten, he too passed by on the other side of the road, just as the priest had done."



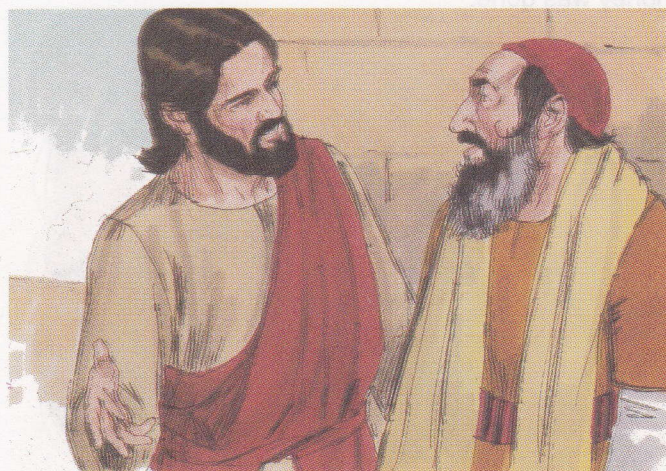
**9** "Finally, a Samaritan came along. When he saw the man lying there he felt pity for him. He stopped and put oil and wine on the man's wounds and bandaged them."



**10** "Then he put the man on his donkey and took him to an inn. The Samaritan took care of him that night."



**11** "The next morning the Samaritan gave the innkeeper some money and said, 'Please take care of this man. If you spend more than this, I'll repay you when I come back.'"



**12** Jesus asked the scribe, "Which of these three acted like a neighbor to the man who was hurt?" The scribe said, "The one who showed mercy." "You go and do the same," Jesus said.