

# A "Good" Samaritan (Is there such a thing?)

Luke 10:25–37

Basic Lessons:

1. **Compassion** \_\_\_\_\_ **Something**  
(Luke 10:33)

2. **Compassion** \_\_\_\_\_ **Something**  
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3. **Compassion** \_\_\_\_\_ **Something**  
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4. **Compassion** \_\_\_\_\_ **Something**  
(Luke 10:36–37)

Application:

## **For Your Family:**

### **Tell or Read the Story from Luke 10:25–37**

**Explain** how surprising it was for the priest and the Levite to not help and for the Samaritan to help.

The people who heard this story would have respected the priest and the Levite. They would have expected them to help. Instead they made excuses and went on their way.

Now Samaritans were not liked very much by the people who originally heard this story. They would have expected a Samaritan to ignore the man, or even to finish him off. Instead he took great risks and helped the man.

Who is the hero of our story? The one who helped.

**Read together** James 2:15–16 (NCV): A brother or sister in Christ might need clothes or food. If you say to that person, “God be with you! I hope you stay warm and get plenty to eat,” but you do not give what that person needs, your words are worth nothing.

**Talk together** about the difference between wishing someone well, and doing something for them.

For example, suppose you’re skateboarding with one of your friends, and he wipes out and hurts himself. What’s the best way to help?

Ignore him. He can take care of himself.

Go to him, and say, “I’m sorry you hurt yourself. I hope you feel better.”

Go to him, and help him.

Jesus wants us to help others. He wants us to notice them, to feel compassion for them, and to do something for them, if we can.

**Memory Verse**—Luke 10:27: And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”