

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



Subject: RE

Topic: Good Samaritan

Year: 6

Summer 2

What should I already know?

- The story of the Good Samaritan- the only person to help the Israelite who was badly beaten and robbed was the Samaritan.
- The belief that we should treat others how we would want to be treated.
- A parable is a narrative intended to make people think.
- The Samaritan is the hero.
- The meaning of the story is found in the Samaritan's behaviour.
- We, as Catholics, have virtues that we live by.
- Luke's Gospel often focuses on outcasts in society.

What am I going to learn?

- In Jesus' time there was no such thing as a 'Good Samaritan'.
- Samaritans had a reputation for being bad.
- Over 500 years ago, before Jesus was born, there were different communities that followed Judaism but their beliefs were different and this resulted in a lot of unrest.
- A lawyer asks Jesus 'Who is my neighbour?' and so Jesus told a story to challenge the lawyer to think for himself.
- Jesus deliberately chose a Samaritan for the key character in his parable as he was an outsider, an example for others to follow.
- There are 7 virtues taught by the Church: 4 cardinal virtues (prudence, justice, restraint and courage) and 3 theological virtues (faith, hope and love).

Vocabulary

Samaritan: A Samaritan is someone from Samaria.

Jericho: A town near Jerusalem. The walk between Jericho and Jerusalem was very difficult. It was well known for robberies.

Jerusalem: The biggest city in Palestine during the time of Jesus and the place where the Temple was. This is the place Jesus would have travelled to fulfil his religious duties.

Levite: a member of the Hebrew tribe of Levi, especially of that part of it which provided assistants to the priests in the worship in the Jewish temple.

Lawyer: Luke calls the man who asks the question a lawyer. A lawyer interpreted the religious laws...they told people how they should obey the laws written in the Torah (the Jewish books of Law)

Virtuous: Someone who has or shows high moral standards.

Cardinal Virtues: There are 7 virtues. A virtue is a quality or kind of rule which guides our actions and related to the belief and faith in God.

Prudence: A person who is prudent thinks carefully before they do something.

Justice: Ensuring people behave in a way that is fair, equal and balanced for everyone.

Restraint: A person who is restrained doesn't rush forward, they hold back a little bit, they don't have to be first all the time and they think before rushing in to doing something.

Courage: A person who is courageous tries to be brave when they are frightened, they do the right thing even when they are a bit afraid of doing it.

