

The Good Samaritan

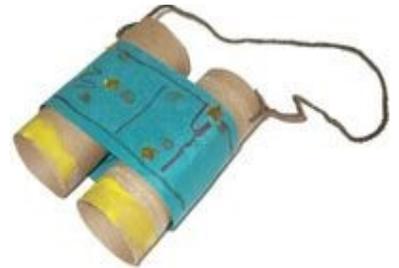
Today we look at how we need to learn to care. Jesus taught using stories and today's story is about how we need to care for everyone - not just our friends and of how the most unexpected people might end up caring for us. In the story the hero was not the Jewish priest or temple official but a foreigner from Samaria, a person who was looked down on.

So when Jesus asked the crowd at the end of the story, 'who was the neighbour to the man who needed help', they had to say 'the Samaritan', hence the name of the story.

So can we learn to care in new and better ways, and to care for 'all in need' like the Samaritan did, and not just look out for the people like us.

Story: [The Good Samaritan](#) - Saddleback Kids

Craft: - Colour in the Good Samaritan picture and then look at the *Seeing through God's Eyes* craft sheet.



Song time: - [Open the eyes of my heart Lord](#) - Calvary Kids Plantation

Prayer time:

Loving God, you care for all,
you have no favourites,
you are not prejudiced,
you see those in need and immediately respond,
with generous love and care.
Help us to care like this. Amen.

Song time: [Teach me to dance](#) -

Further Activity: Caring for others sheet - Think about lots of different ways you can help to care for your family, your friends, your neighbours, and our world. Write some suggestions down on the hands. Each time that you help in some way draw a heart on one of the hands and thank God that you have been able to share His love with others.



Through God's eyes



Binoculars help us to see things more clearly.

See if you can make a pair of binoculars from some cardboard rolls, paper and string - similar to this picture.

When Jesus taught people by using stories he was trying to help them to see more clearly too. He wanted to help them to learn how God sees things, and how to live together in a more loving way.

Think about the story of the Good Samaritan that we saw today.

How do you think the poor traveller felt at different times in the story?

Now think about how the Samaritan man felt too?

Even though they would not usually have been friends the Samaritan man was able to look at the traveller through God's eyes and to show him God's love as he cared for him.

When you are finding it difficult to be caring to others use your binoculars to think about how they might be feeling, and ask God to help you to see them through his eyes.

Caring for others

