

Yr 2 Good Samaritan Lesson, Luke: 10:25-37

Opening Prayer: Our Father, Отче Наш. *See Prayer Posters.* Find an audio version that the children can sing with [here](#).

Gospel: [Luke 10:25-37](#) - Click to follow link. Read the story of the Good Samaritan from the Children's Bible or follow the link to watch this [animated version](#)

Lesson: Who is my neighbour?

We know that God asks us to love our neighbour as our self. Discuss what that means. The man in the story asks "Who is my neighbour?" *Children are very concrete thinkers and they will think of the person that lives next to them. Take this time to explore what that can mean. You could bring a world globe in and point to different places in the world.*

Explain that even if we don't know people in the world, they are still considered our neighbour. The man in the story didn't even know the person that he was helping. He was a person from another country that he wasn't even supposed to be friends with because they were from different groups of people that didn't like each other. But Jesus tells the people around him that the man was still his neighbour.

So, our neighbour might even people that we don't know, and maybe people that we don't really like. It might be hard to love them but with God's help we can do it!

Discuss the ways that we can help others. This can take many forms. Sometimes people just need someone to talk to them, listening to them, praying for them and with them, foodbanks, donating etc. Help the children think about the variety of ways we can help others.

What we learned today is that God asks us to love everyone, even those that are difficult to love and even people we don't know. We should try to think of ways that we can do that every day. Today we will make a special card that you can give to someone to let them know they are love by you and by God!

Craft: God loves you and so do I, greeting card. See craft page. Children colour and decorate. Have an adult fold it in quarters to create a greeting card.

In Church: Listen to hear prayers that we pray for other people in the Divine Liturgy. There are lots of them! Now say a special prayer for someone that you can think of.