

One day, a man who knew the Law stood up. He tried to test Jesus. “What do I have to do to live forever?”

“What does the Law say?” Jesus asked.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart. Love God with all your soul,” said the man. “Love God with all your strength. Love God with all your mind. Love your neighbor as much as you love yourself.”

“You’re right,” Jesus said. “Do that and you’ll live.”

But the man wasn’t happy with that answer. So he asked, “Who is my neighbor?”

Jesus answered the man with a story. “There once was a man who was on a trip. He was going from Jerusalem to Jericho. But robbers jumped out at him. They took the man’s possessions and left him injured, lying by the road, unable to help himself.

“Soon a priest came down the road. He saw the hurt man, but he moved to the other side of the road. He just passed by.

A man who knew the Law came down the road. He saw the hurt man too. But he moved to the other side of the road and passed by, just like the first man.

“Then a man from another land came down the road. He was a Samaritan. He saw the hurt man, and he felt sorry for him. The Samaritan bandaged the man’s wounds. Then he put the man on his own donkey. He took the man to an inn and got him a room so he could rest until he was healed.

“The next day, the Samaritan took out his money. He gave some to the person in charge of the inn. ‘Take care of this man,’ he said. ‘I’ll come back and pay what it costs to take care of him.’”

Then Jesus asked the man who knew the Law, “Which man was a neighbor?”

The man answered, “The man who was kind.”

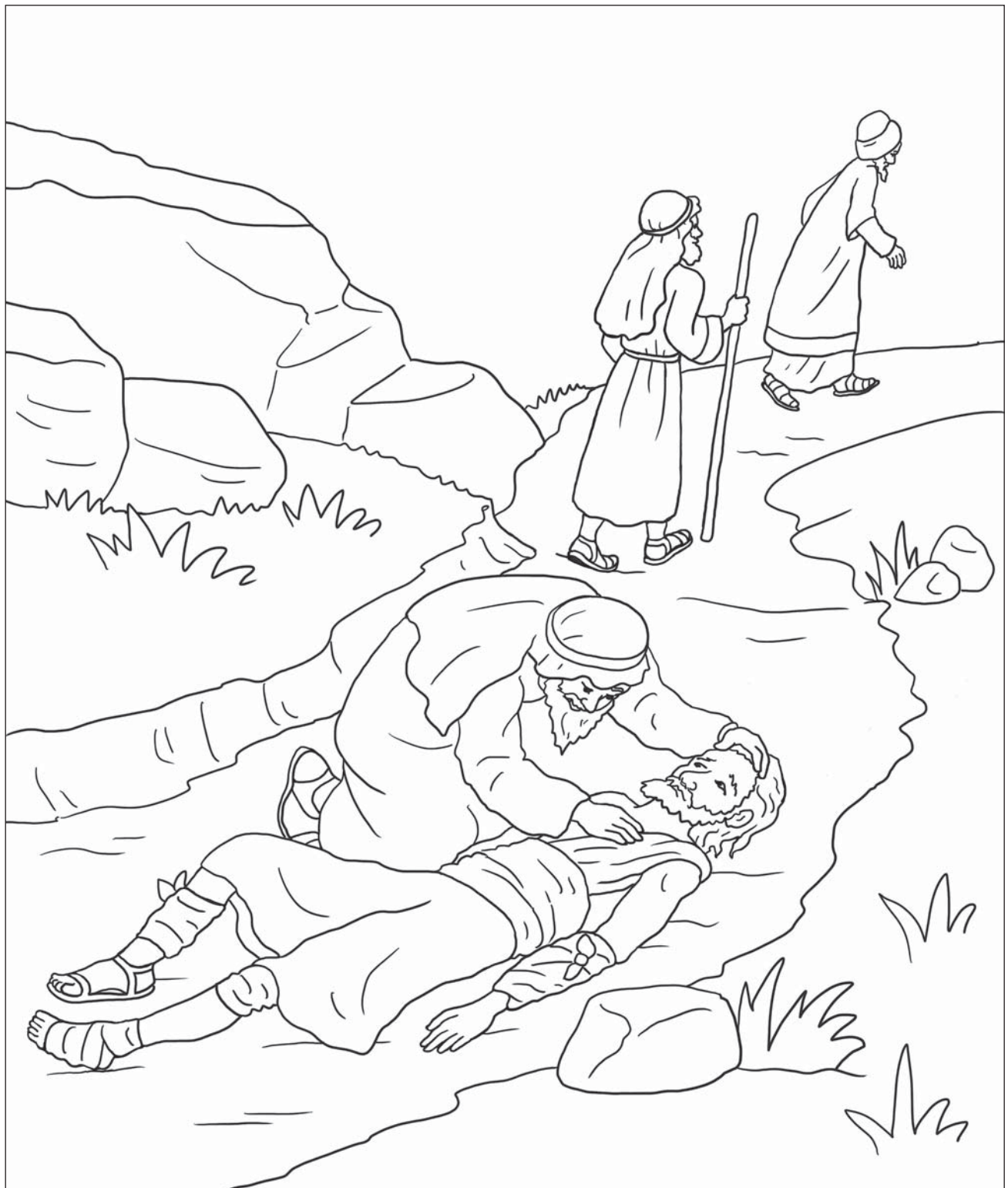
“That’s right,” said Jesus. “Now you go and do the same thing.”

(Based on Luke 10:25-37)

Who is my neighbor?

3b Who Acted Like a Neighbor? – Puzzle (Preschool)

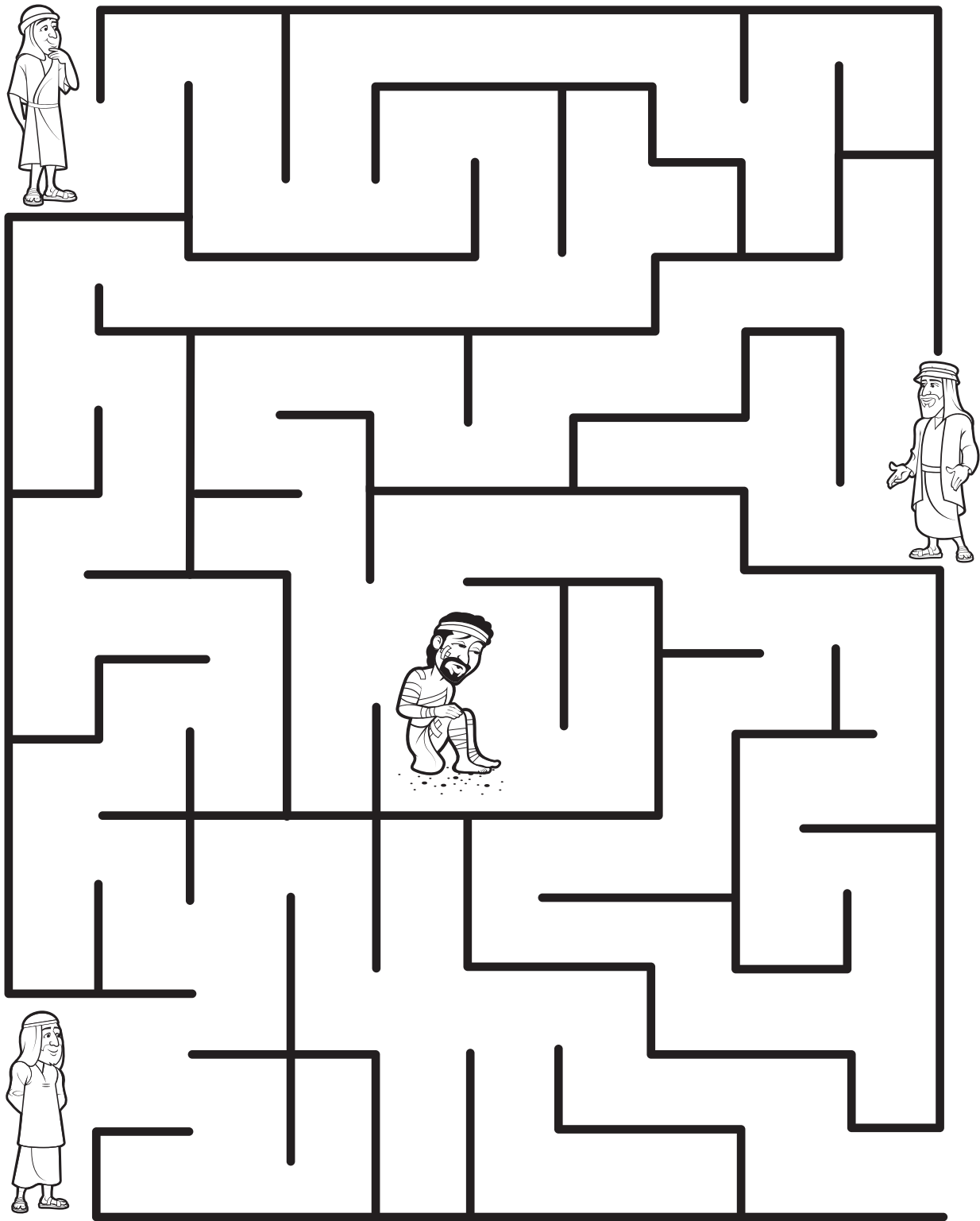
Color the different people in the picture. Which person is being a good neighbor?



Maze – Puzzle (Younger Elementary)

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Three men enter the maze and follow a path. Find the man who goes to help the injured man. Discover the paths the other two men take.



3d Acrostic – Puzzle (Older Elementary)

See how many words you can make using the letters in the word *Neighbor* as the beginning letters. Each letter has scrambled letters beside it. Can you make two words out of the scrambled letters by each letter that describe good neighbors?

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I d d e e e e l n n o p s t t v v

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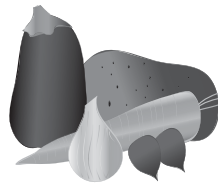
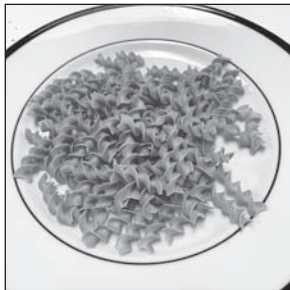
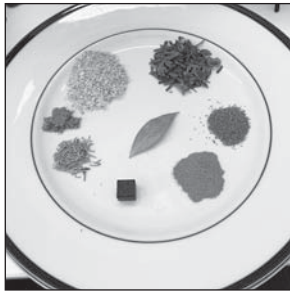
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Soup Mix – Activity

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Layer all ingredients in a clean glass jar (pint size) in the order listed. Close lid, add the soup cooking directions as a tag, and give it as a gift to someone who is sick.



Chicken Noodle Soup Mix

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| 1 Tablespoon dried chopped onions | 1/2 teaspoon dried sage |
| 1 Tablespoon dried minced garlic | 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme |
| 1 bay leaf | 1/2 teaspoon celery seed |
| 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary | 1 chicken bouillon cube |
| | 2 cups wide egg noodles |

How to Make Chicken Noodle Soup:

1. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a saucepan over medium-high heat.
2. Dice one carrot and one stalk of celery and sauté in the oil until tender, about 5 minutes.
3. Unwrap the bouillon cube from the soup mix, and then add it, plus all remaining ingredients, to the saucepan.
4. Add in 3 cups of water.
5. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer until the noodles are cooked through, about 10 minutes.
6. Stir in 2 cups chopped cooked chicken before serving.
7. Season to taste.

3f Healthy Food – Snack

Ingredients

celery sticks

peanut butter

cream cheese

raisins



Directions:

- Celery with peanut butter and raisins is sometimes called “ants on a log,” and is a fun and healthy snack.
- Cut a stalk of celery into three pieces, spread peanut butter or cream cheese inside the celery, and arrange a few raisins on top.
- These foods combined provide a good balance of protein and fat.
- Raisins also have a plant compound in them which can help protect your teeth from cavities by preventing bacteria from sticking to them

Who Is Our Community?

Luke 10:35-37

Some Jewish leaders asked Jesus this question: Who is my neighbor? Jesus told the parable about the Good Samaritan to explain. Two men walked past the injured man and pretended he didn't exist. The third man stopped and helped the injured man by bandaging his wounds, taking him to a safe place, and providing his needs until he healed. The man who helped didn't know the injured man and wasn't Jewish like the injured man. The Samaritan man showed God's love by being a good neighbor to a stranger.

Verse of the Month

Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

What Do You Think?

Why do you think the first two men didn't stop to help the injured man?

What should you do if you see someone who is injured?

Family Activity

Talk about why the Jews and Samaritans weren't friends in Bible times.

Answer the question, "Who is my neighbor?"

Talk about your neighbors and their needs. Think of ways you as a family can help.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for loving all of us. Help us share your love with everyone around us; in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

