

Who is my neighbour?



One day Jesus was asked, 'what must we do to have a friendship with God?'

Jesus replied by pointing the person to a passage in the Old Testament that says, "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, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'"

Jesus was then asked, "Well, who is my neighbour?"

To answer that Jesus tells a story about a man who went on a dangerous journey from Jerusalem to Jericho.

Challenge

Make an obstacle course and journey your way through it.

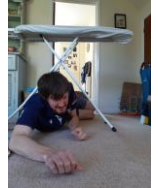
My example can be seen here

Make sure you ask what items you can use.
Send a picture to your school of you doing your course

Step 1
Climb over laundry basket



Step 2
Crawl under ironing board



Step 3
Get in shopping bag and hop around a teddy



Step 4
Tiptoe through clothes horse



Step 5 Finish by sitting on the stairs

As the man in Jesus' story travelled along he was attacked by a gang of robbers, they beat him up and took everything he had. He really needed someone to come and help him!

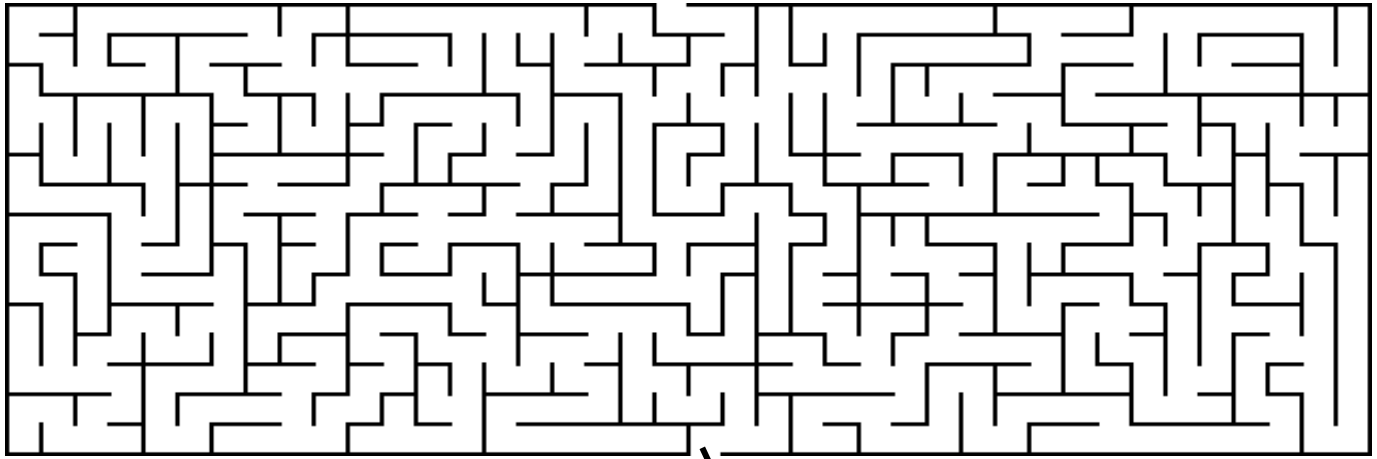
Make a list of a people who you think would help you when you really needed them. It could be friends, family or anyone else you think would help.

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The man in the story was Jewish and he had people who he was sure would help him. It was the job of Priests and a group of people called the Levites to help people. Fortunately, for the man he hadn't been lying on the ground long when along came a priest, he knew the priest would help but amazingly they walked straight past and carried on with their journey. A little later along came a Levite, the man was sure they would help, but again the Levite walked straight passed him! A while later along came a Samaritan, the Samaritans and the Jews didn't get along, in fact, they hated each other! When the man saw the Samaritan coming he was sure he would walk past too, but he didn't. The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, then they put him on their donkey and took him to an inn and paid the people there to look after him.



Help the Samaritan journey to the injured man



After Jesus had told the story he asked the man he was talking to which person was a good neighbour?

Who do you think was a good neighbour? Circle your answer below.

The Priest

The Levite

The Samaritan

Christians believe that Jesus told this story because he wants us to know that anyone who needs our help is our neighbour and we should show love and kindness to them, even if they haven't been kind to us. They also believe that this story shows that we can't earn a friendship with God by doing things like the man who asked the question hoped. It is only possible because Jesus died on the cross and our response to that should be try to love God with all our heart and love others as ourselves.

Challenge

Do something kind for someone.

It doesn't need to be a big thing maybe you could:

- Do the vacuuming so that your parents don't have to.
- Play with your brother or sister, that you might sometimes find annoying.
- Make a card for someone, just to say I was thinking about you. Below are some handprint animal cards to help with ideas but you could do anything.

Hand print cards. Ideally use paint but you can draw around your hand and colour it in (like the peacock and fish I made). I didn't have any card at home so used an old cereal packet.



Get creative with your ways of being kind.

