



MUST KNOW BIBLE STORIES

stories worth exploring

Story Script

First and Second Levels - Session 1

An active telling of the encounter between Jesus and an expert in the law including the parable of the Good Samaritan

Luke, the person who wrote this part of the Bible tells us:
An expert in religious law wanted to test Jesus.

*(Choose an expert and Jesus, ask them to stand at the front and to ask the questions/ give answers from their **scripts** at the appropriate point. You will need to repeat them afterwards to ensure everyone's heard/understood)*

So he asked him a question

'Teacher, what should I do to have eternal life?'

(explain this means live forever)

Jesus replied

'What does the law say?'

The expert replied (he knew the answer, he was the expert!)

'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul and all your strength and all your mind. And love your neighbour as yourself'

Jesus said **'Well done! Go and do that and you will have eternal life'**

But the expert wanted to know more, he wanted to check he was doing enough that would mean he was guaranteed to live for ever after you die. So he asked **'Who is my neighbour?'**

Jesus replied by telling him a story.

(Ask Jesus and the expert to sit down)

Once there was a Jewish man who was walking the dangerous road from Jerusalem to Jericho.

(Ask for a volunteer to be the Jewish man and encourage him to start walking from one side of the room to the other)

But before he got there he was attacked by bandits.

(Ask for volunteers to be bandits and to act out appropriately)

They were hiding behind some rocks and when the man passed they jumped on him, stripped him of his clothes, beat him up and left him half dead beside the road.

(Ask the bandits to sit down)

If this Jew was going to survive he needed help, And it was looking hopeful – coming along the road was a priest.

(Ask for a volunteer to be the Priest and act the next bit out)

The Priest worked in the temple. He worked for God. Of course he would help one of his own people, a Jew. But oh no, what's this, he saw the man but crossed to the other side of the road and walked on.

There's a second chance for the Jewish man – next comes along a Temple Assistant,

(Ask for a volunteer to be the Temple Assistant and act the next bit out)

The Temple Assistant was also a Jew, he works in the temple, he's always helping the priest, surely he'll help this man. But no, the same thing happens, he is walking past, sees the man and crossed to the other side of the road.

If the man was conscious and seeing what was going on he must feel pretty awful by now. But here comes a third man. But it's a Samaritan,

(Ask for a volunteer to be the Samaritan and act the next bit out)

The Jews aren't kind to Samaritans, why would he stop and help a Jew? Surely he'll pass by and get to Jericho as quickly as he can.

But Jesus said he does stop, he sees the man and has compassion on him. He goes over, pours oil and wine on his wounds to soothe them, bandages them and putting the Jewish man on his donkey,

(You can at this point get a volunteer to be the donkey)

and takes him to an inn where he cares for him. The next day he gives the innkeeper two silver coins to pay him for looking after him.

Jesus asked the expert

(Jesus and expert read out the last part of their script. Remember to repeat it after they say it)

'who loved his neighbour in this story?'

The expert replied **'the one who showed him mercy'**

Jesus said **'yes, now go and do the same'**