

*Deuteronomy 30:10-14 ♦ Colossians 1:15-20 ♣ Luke 10:25-37*

***“Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’” — Luke 10:37***

Have you heard the famous story of the Good Samaritan before? It is one of Pope Francis’ favorite stories so he talks and writes about it a lot. A man who met Jesus knew he was supposed to love his neighbor as himself, but he wanted to know from Jesus who his neighbors were. It’s like he was asking Jesus’ permission to not have to be loving to everyone!

Well, Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan as an answer, and it surprised the man. It turns out that two religious people didn’t stop to help the person who was beat up, but a stranger did. Jesus told the man to be like that stranger.

Pope Francis says that sometimes we’re like every character in the story: sometimes we’re the person who hurts someone else, sometimes we’re the person who needs help, sometimes we ignore people who need help, and sometimes we’re the ones who stop to help. He asks us to try to be like the helper more.

*Jesus, help us to remember that everyone is our neighbor and that we should be loving toward them even if we don’t like them.*

**Which character in the story do you feel like most of the time? Why?**

*Answer the following questions together after Mass:*

What Mass did you attend this week? \_\_\_\_\_

What color were the priest’s vestments? \_\_\_\_\_

What was one new insight the homily gave you?

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Was there something special you noticed at Mass today?

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