Jesus told many stories, or parables, to help people learn the truth.

Luke 10:30

One day a leader of the Jews asked Jesus what he must do to have eternal life. The Savior asked him what the scriptures said. The leader said that a man should love God and also love his neighbor. Jesus said that he was right. Then the leader asked, “Who is my neighbour?”

Luke 10:25-29

Jesus answered by telling the man a story. One day a Jewish man was walking on the road to the city of Jericho. Thieves robbed and beat him. They left the man on the road, almost dead.

Luke 10:30
Soon a Jewish priest came by and saw the man. The priest walked by on the other side of the road. He did not help the man.

Luke 10:31

Another Jewish man who worked in the temple came by. He saw the injured man. But he did not help the man either and walked by on the other side of the road.

Luke 10:32

Then a Samaritan man came along. The Jews and the Samaritans did not get along. But when the Samaritan saw the man, he felt sorry for him.

He took care of the man’s wounds and put clothes on him.

Bible Dictionary, “Samaritans,” 768
After Jesus told this story, He asked the Jewish leader which of the three men was a neighbor to the injured man.

Luke 10:36

The leader said that the Samaritan was because he had helped the man. Jesus told the Jewish leader to be like the Samaritan.

Luke 10:37

The Samaritan took the man to an inn and cared for him until the next day. When the Samaritan had to leave, he gave money to the innkeeper and told him to take care of the man.