

# Messy Church @ Home No 16



## The Good Samaritan *Second Session*

### Luke 10 25-37 *The Message*

Just then a religion scholar stood up with a question to test Jesus. “Teacher, what do I need to do to get eternal life?”

<sup>26</sup> He answered, “What’s written in God’s Law? How do you interpret it?”

<sup>27</sup> He said, “That you love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and that you love your neighbour as well as you do yourself.”

<sup>28</sup> “Good answer!” said Jesus. “Do it and you’ll live.”

<sup>29</sup> Looking for a loophole, he asked, “And just how would you define ‘neighbour’?”

<sup>30-32</sup> Jesus answered by telling a story. “There was once a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way he was attacked by robbers. They took his clothes, beat him up, and went off leaving him half-dead. Luckily, a priest was on his way down the same road, but when he saw him he angled across to the other side. Then a Levite religious man showed up; he also avoided the injured man.

<sup>33-35</sup> “A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. When he saw the man’s condition, his heart went out to him. He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable. In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill—I’ll pay you on my way back.’

<sup>36</sup> “What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbour to the man attacked by robbers?”

<sup>37</sup> “The one who treated him kindly,” the religion scholar responded.

Jesus said, “Go and do the same.”

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The Good Samaritan is such a simple story, but there are many layers to the story. I believe that Jesus wants us to think hard about how we live our lives day to day. Recently during the pandemic crisis, we have all had to take a long look at how we do things. What does it mean to be a good neighbour? What does it mean to be a good friend? Are they the same thing? Let us listen to this video telling the story using Lego people. Could you manage to tell the story yourself? Is the Samaritan like the people who have risked their lives to clean the hospitals or the people who have taken food to people who have been self-isolating?

### 1. Listen to the story



#### Lego story The Good Samaritan

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3UkRrAlwOUg> by JurassicBrickProductions



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### 2. Sing along to this song



#### Love one another

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYIkcoAflU4> by Dakota Pyle



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**3. Prayer Time.** Can you write down your thoughts about being a **Good Friend** to someone.

These are mine.

*Being a good friend means enjoying each other's company.*

*Sharing time together and listening to each other.*

*Knowing that the time you spend together is precious to you both .*

*Saying "You look nice." Laughing together, never at each other,*

*Wondering how they are and sending them a text.*

*Making time to phone however busy you are.*

*Knowing things about each other and always feeling safe.*

*No criticism here, just honest disagreement.*

*Friends don't take offence; they are always there for each other.*

*Just like Jesus who is always listening and always there for us.*

Now why not say quietly in your head your thoughts like a prayer .....

**4. Crafts**

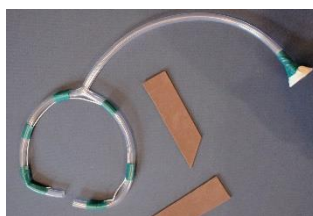
- **Craft one.** Create The Good Samaritan stick puppets so you can tell the story yourself using your own words.

**How to.** Go to the end of this session and find the picture of some of the characters in the Good Samaritan Story. There are no pictures of the robbers so you will have to draw them yourself. I am not sure that the sticks might work better from the top. You will need to try it out yourself and decide which way is best for you. You can use the edge of a table to tell the story.



**Why.** Each time I tell this story I learn something different about the story. What made the robbers turn on the traveller. Why did the teacher and the lawyer avoid helping him? I believe Jesus wants us to be helping people in our village, town or city during this difficult time, and always. Does our neighbour or friend need our help ...can we imagine how it feels to be in their shoes? To do a good show when we act out the parable of The Good Samaritan, we need to imagine how it felt for each of the characters as we colour or put a voice to the characters.

- **Craft two** Make a stethoscope and a first aid kit for your animal friends



**How to.** Take a balloon, scissors, craft knife, small top from a bottle or a small funnel craft felt, electric tape, 10 inches of some soft wire. Now follow the instructions on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6H8c-FNMIaA> Brainergiser Please copy and paste this into the search engine of your choice. To hear your heart, you need to be in a very quiet place. I heard my heart easily with the main

single tube. After you have heard your resting heartbeat try running on the spot and see the difference in the sound of your heart.

**Why.** During our local zoom Messy Church meeting we all brought our favourite soft toys and a first aid kit. We bandaged their limbs and their heads. When Health and Care workers nursed and looked after people during the pandemic, they were putting their own lives at risk for a stranger. A Good Samaritan Act. The stethoscope represents acts of kindness to a stranger. Listen carefully to people needs and then try and respond like Jesus would.

## 5. Make a plan to be a Good Samaritan.

How are you going to be a Good Samaritan during this summer holiday? Ask Jesus for help to work out what random acts of kindness he is asking you to do.

Find a quiet spot ( I call this my thinking spot) and talk to Jesus and listen to what your heart is saying.

## 6. Sing along to this song.



### If you are happy and you know it.

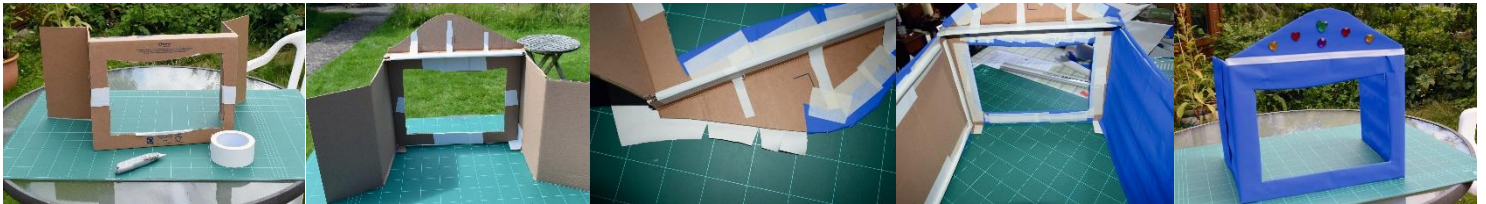
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71hqRT9U0wg> Barefoot Books



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One random act of Kindness is to spread happiness, just remember to smile.

**Challenge of the week for all those who like constructing things: make a theatre. Then put on your own show telling the story of The Good Samaritan or any other story you want to tell your friends using puppets.**

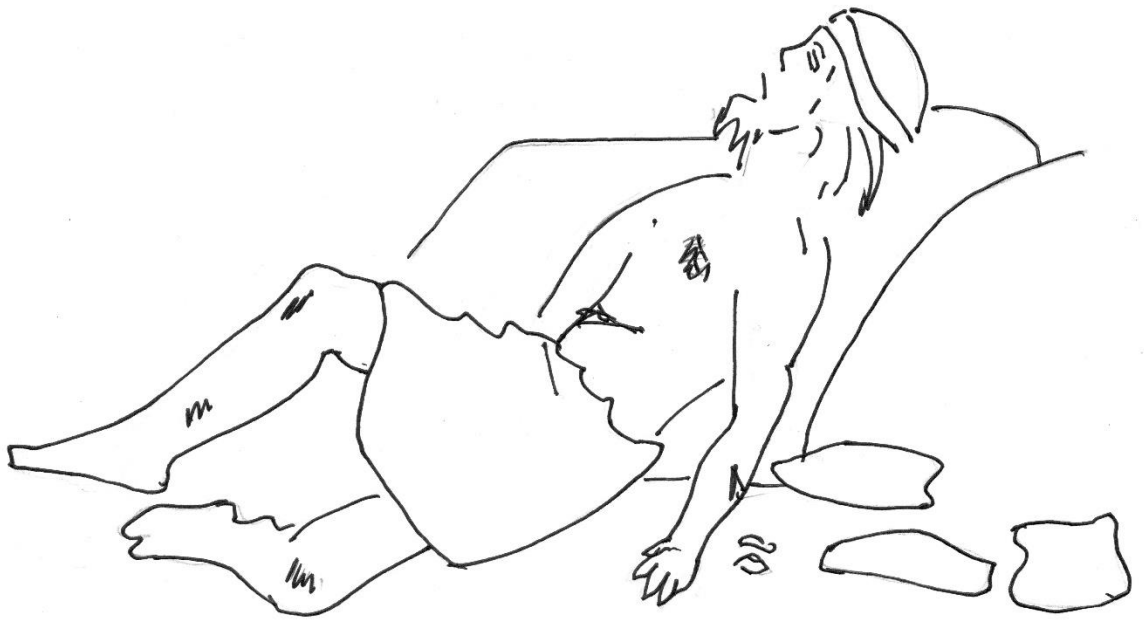
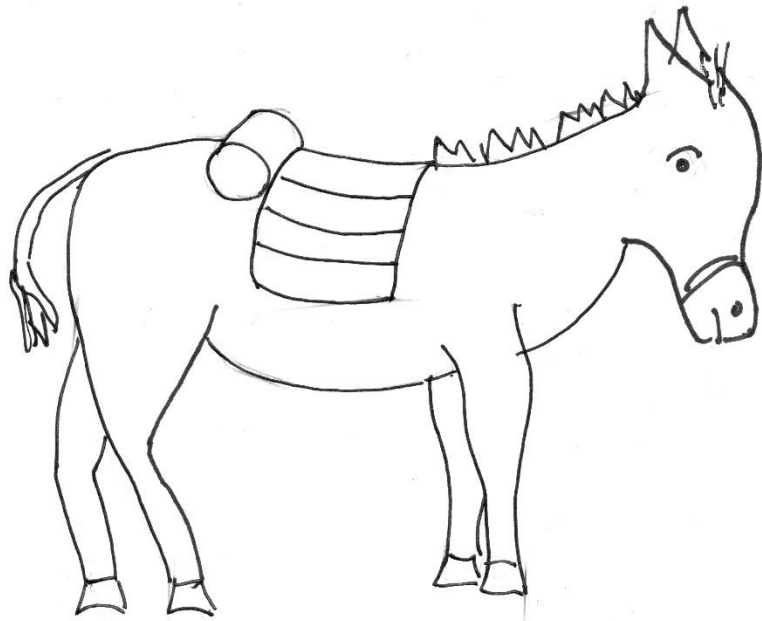


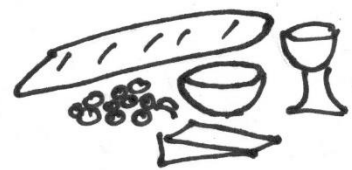
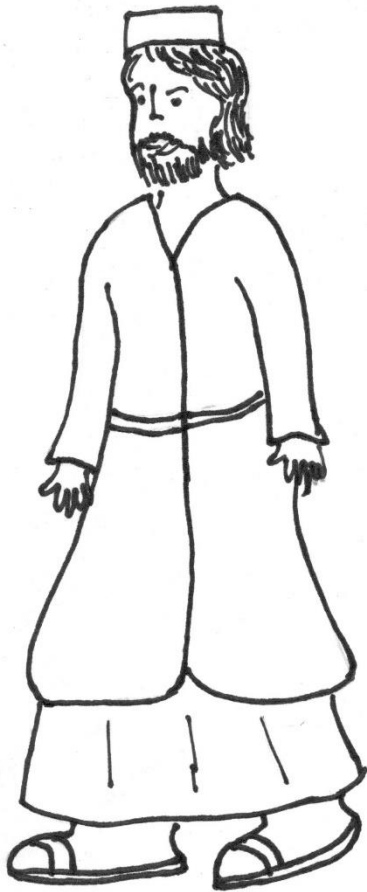
Here is a YouTube version that I did with some friends Heidi and Allanah this afternoon. We needed more time, but we had a go and had fun together. You could enjoy your theatre over the summer holidays with your friends in your bubbles.

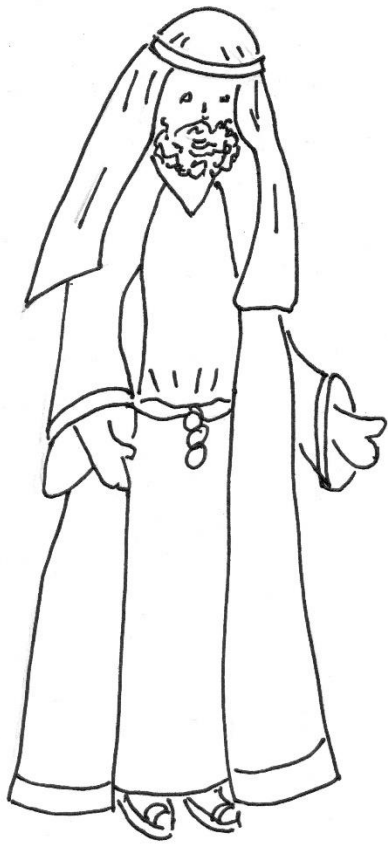
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I hope you will have time to have a meal together after this Messy Church @ Home session.

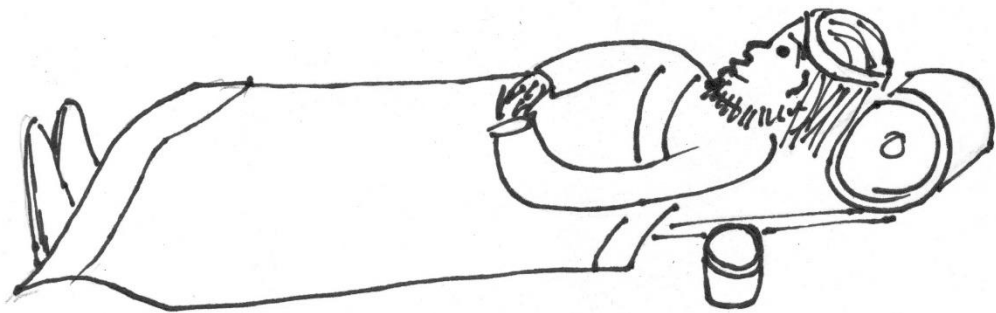
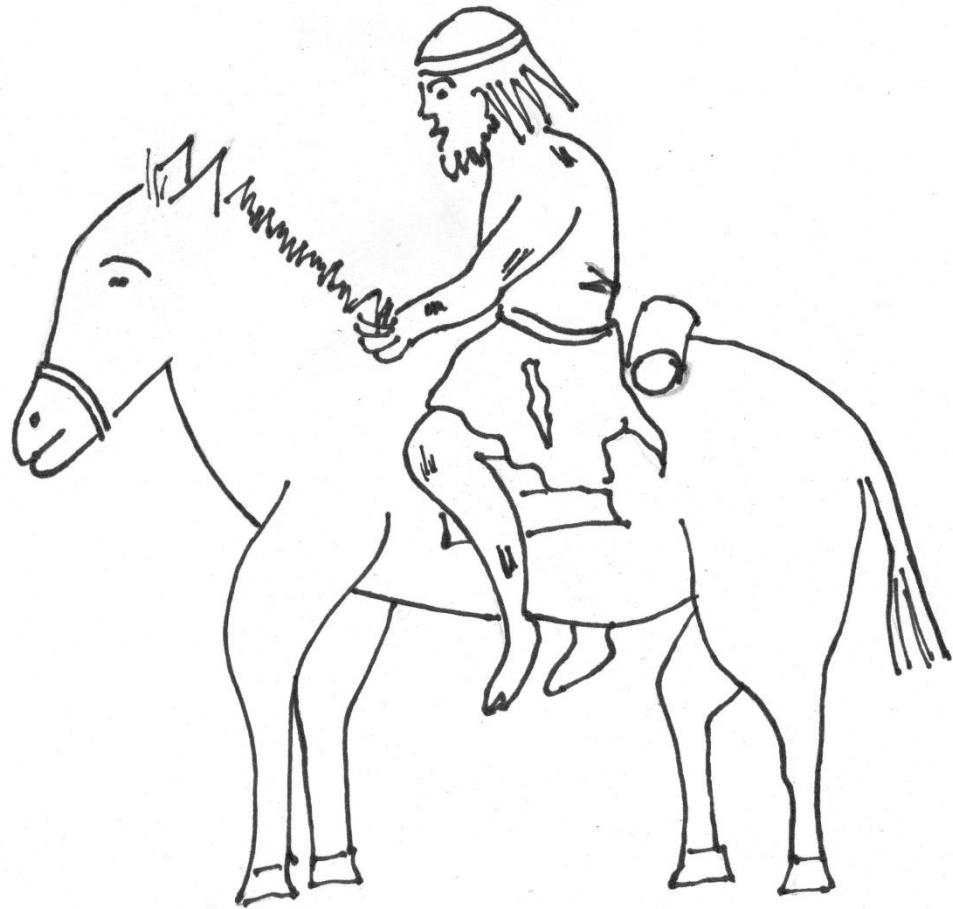
**Messy Grace** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (Hold out your hands as if expecting a present) And the love of God (Put your hands on your heart) And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (Hold hands) be with us evermore. (Hands up in the air) Amen.











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