

# Who Is Your Neighbor?

## Family Discussion

"A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, ... Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him.

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### Discuss

- Suppose you (as an adult) are out walking early in the morning in your suburban neighborhood and come upon an adult who is sitting on the curb crying. What are some reasons why you might not feel it a good idea to stop and offer help?
- Who is an unlikely person in our culture who would fit the role of the Good Samaritan in Jesus' story who would come along and help the person in distress?
- What could you do to help such a person in need, early in the morning, sitting on the curb crying?

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### Prayer

- Thank the Lord for people who have helped you when you were in need.
- Ask God to help you to be willing to be aware of people around you who are in need.
- Pray that you will have courage and wisdom to step out of your comfort zone and minister to people in need.
- Probably you know people who are struggling in some aspect of their lives. Pray that God will be at work in their lives and bring help when and how they need it.

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