

# Whose Job Is It Anyway?

Key Word: Neighbor

Key Verse: But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" *Luke 10:29*

Mabel hummed a familiar hymn tune as she made her way to church on Sunday morning, but as she turned the corner, she almost stumbled over a drunk sprawled in a shop doorway.

Mabel's walk was spoiled. She couldn't get the drunk out of her mind. She wondered whether she ought to have done something. Fortunately, she knew both the pastor and the head deacon walked the same route together. It was their job, not hers.

The pastor and the head deacon were late arriving for worship, so Mabel relaxed. She drank in all the familiar words and felt her anxiety gradually float away from her. God really was in his heaven, and all was right with the world.

Mabel walked home on the opposite side of the street, just in case, but the drunk had disappeared. Mabel decided she must call the pastor and thank him.

She called the next evening. The pastor sounded confused. "What man? Drunk, you say? When? I don't remember" — There was a long pause, then, "Oh! Oh dear!"

"What's the matter, Pastor?" asked Mabel. "Mabel," began the minister, "have you seen today's paper? It's on page three. Councilman David Barber, the guy who's done all that work to highlight the dangers single women face in the city, was viciously mugged on Saturday night. Someone found him at about 8:20 on Sunday mornings, and

called the ambulance. He died in the hospital a couple of hours later."

Now Mabel was confused. "What do you mean, 'Someone found him at 8:20 on Sunday morning'? You found him! You were late to church."

"No, Mabel. But now you mention it, I do vaguely recollect seeing some man. I remember thinking he was sleeping it off, drugs or drink or something. We hardly noticed him."

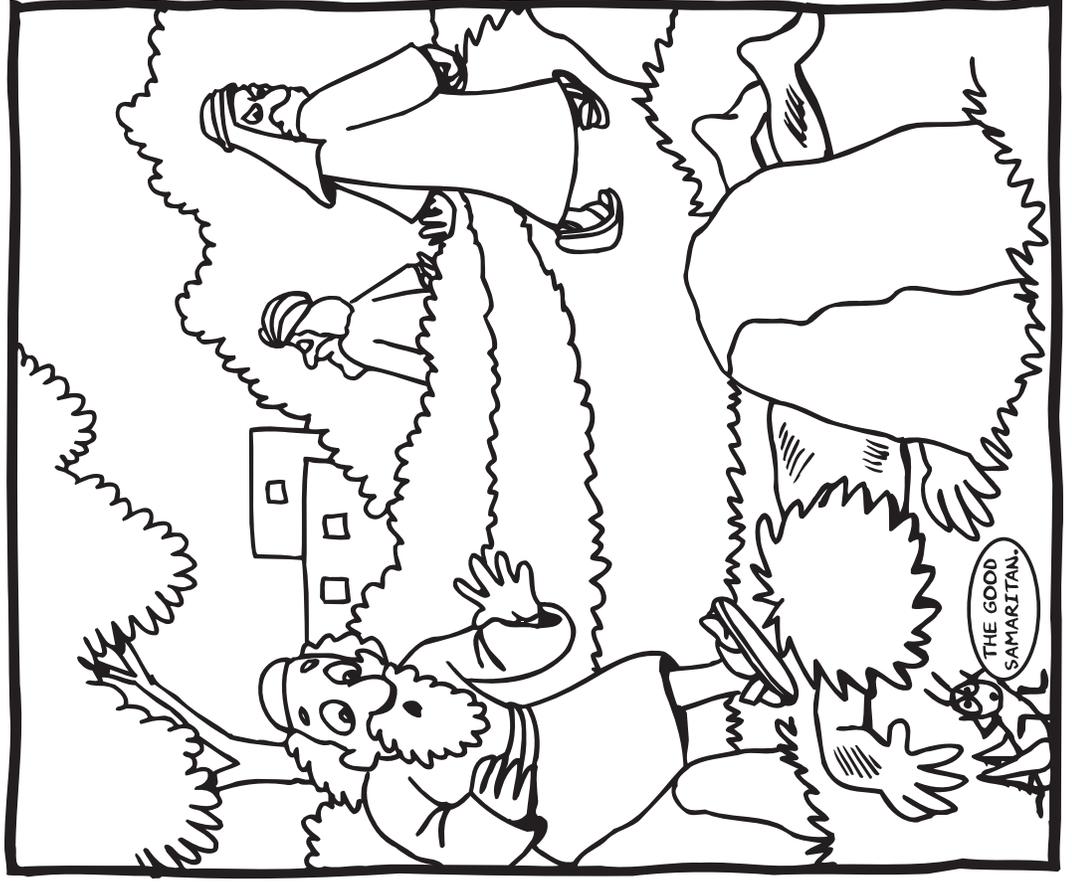
Mabel was outraged. "But it's *your job!* You should have done something. If we can't rely on the minister, who can we rely on? I really am appalled, Pastor. I don't think I can continue at a church where the minister doesn't put his Christianity into action. Goodbye," and she slammed down the phone.

Mabel read the account of the incident in the local paper, and put the paper to one side. Then she checked on the time of the services in the next parish.

## Questions

**In the story, what should Mabel have done when she saw the man she thought was drunk?**

**Whose job is it to look after people who are drunk or on drugs?**



# Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story  
is from  
**Luke 10:25-37**

LETTER TILE PUZZLE  
Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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|--------------|-------------|
| Across       | Down        |
| 1. Samaritan | 1. Likewise |
| 2. Lawyer    | 3. Life     |
| 7. Teacher   | 4. Neighbor |
| 8. Heart     | 5. Levite   |
| 9. Priest    | 6. Lord     |

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## Answers

- PICTURE DIFFERENCES
- Legs are missing
  - Mouth is added
  - Hat is different
  - Window is moved
  - Building is higher
  - Belt is added
  - Grass is missing
  - Hair is different
  - Hand is missing
  - Birds are added

### Letter Tile Puzzle

Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message from today's Gospel story, Luke 10:25-37. Each tile has the same number of characters (letters, spaces, and punctuation). Spaces are shown as blanks on the letter tiles.

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### Crossword Puzzle

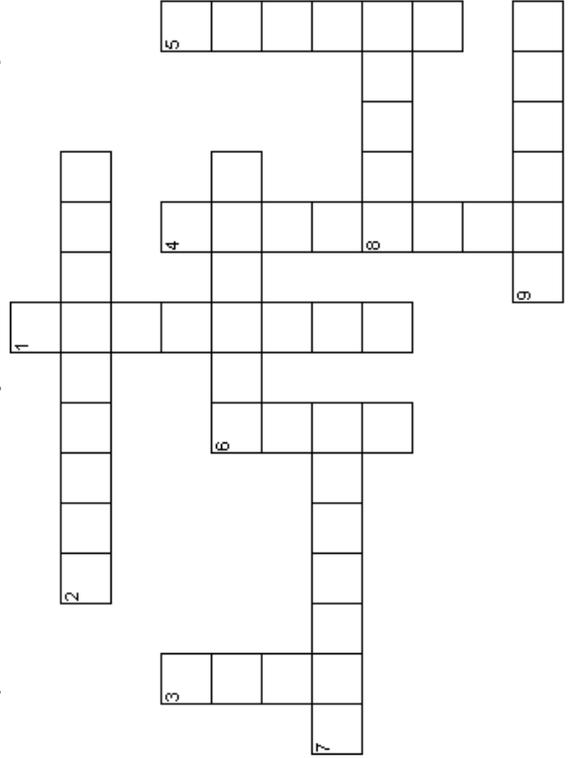
Complete this crossword puzzle, using the clues from today's Gospel story. Read the clues. Then fill in the squares with the answers to the questions.

Across

- He helped the robbed man
- He tested Jesus
- The lawyer called Jesus this
- Love God with all of this
- He passed the robbed man by

Down

- Go and do \_\_\_\_\_
- This can be eternal with God
- Love them as yourself
- He also passed the man by
- Love the \_\_\_\_\_ your God



### Picture Differences

Below are two drawings. There are 10 differences in these drawings. How many can you find? Circle the differences, then check the answers on the back page.

