

The Samaritan is Jesus' example of how to love your neighbour.  
What does this show us about what real love is like?

How could you love like this...  
at home?

at uni?

We have been learning about Jesus in Luke's gospel. How does Jesus himself  
show this kind of love...

in his life?

in his death?

### The best thing

Read **Luke 10:38-42**.

What different things were Martha and Mary concerned with?

Which does Jesus think is the most important?

What stops us from giving Jesus our full attention?

### Pray

Ask God to help us love him with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind  
and love our neighbours as ourselves.

Ask for God's forgiveness for not loving according to his standards.

Thank God for Jesus, who loves perfectly.

# 100% pure love



## Luke's story of Jesus

### chapter 10:25-42



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**Discuss:** What kind of person do you find it difficult to love?

## The story so far...

So far in Luke's account of Jesus, Jesus' teachings and miracles have amazed everyone. Many people love him, but others do not accept him or his teaching. Jesus is revealed as God's chosen king, but the path ahead for him (and his followers) will not be easy. Now King Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem, where he will eventually be killed.

## Everybody needs good neighbours

Read **Luke 10:25-37**.

Are there any difficult words or concepts here?



The **expert in the law** was a Jewish religious man, an expert in God's Law in the Old Testament of the Bible.

In v.25-29, the expert in the law asks Jesus two questions.

What is his first question?

How does Jesus answer?

How easy do you think it is to live up to God's standards (v.27)?

What is the law expert's second question?

What sort of person is this law expert? Which verses make you think this?

Jesus answers the man by telling a story (v.30-35).

Divide into 3 groups, and each group imagine you are one of the travellers in Jesus' story. Think of all your reasons why it might be a mistake to help the wounded man. Present your argument to the rest of the group.

**Priests and Levites** were Jewish religious leaders with a good knowledge of God's laws.

Jews and **Samaritans** were strongly prejudiced against each other. Jews saw Samaritans as socially untouchable, racially and religiously inferior. Likewise, the Samaritans did not like the Jews.

The trip from **Jerusalem to Jericho** was about 17 miles. It was a rough, steep and dangerous area where robbers often attacked.



### 1. The priest

(Hint: see Leviticus 21:1)



### 2. The Levite

(Hint: see Numbers 19:11)



### 3. The Samaritan

What is the big surprise in this story?