

THE GOOD SAMARITAN STORY

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CAST: Dr. Luke · 1 Bible Story reader · 2-3 tough acting people · 1 Hitchhiker
1 Levite · 1 Donkey · 1 Samaritan · 1 Hotel Manager
2 Groups for Sound Effects

(When you point at them, the group on the right will say, "Wahoo" sounding excited, and the other group on the left will say, "Awwww," sounding disappointed.)
Skit director to help kids know when it is their turn

COSTUMES:

Dr. Luke: Biblical Costume

1 Bible Story Reader: Dressed in their own Sabbath cloths

2-3 Tough Acting People: Baseball cap put on backwards, backpacks and cool sunglasses

1 Hitchhiker: Walking stick and backpack

1 Levite: Tie and jacket (oversized)

1 Priest: Black or red baptismal robe

1 Donkey: Headband with Donkey Ears

1 Samaritan: Bible Costume

1 Hotel Manager: Clipboard and Name tag

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If possible tell the story by heart as the kids act it out, using characters with names and pronouns of both genders. Getting all the words right is not the main point. You want your audience to experience what it's like for someone to really need help, some to ignore them, and the one you would least expect to be the one who cares.

Dr. Luke and the Bible Story Reader stay together on the stage for the duration of the skit.

Remind the 'Tough Acting People' that they are just acting this out for dramatic effect. Be gentle and be careful.

DR. LUKE

Today you are going to see the Samaritan story ... experience it, and live it!

Child read out loud Luke 10:25-37 (NKJV)

DR. LUKE:

Imagine what the beaten up man would have felt like, the thoughts of those who didn't stop to care, and the feelings of the Samaritan.

Characters act out the story as Dr. Luke is telling it:

DR. LUKE:

One day, Hitchhiker Mike/Michaela was walking from Jerusalem to Jericho, or to (insert your cities 17 miles apart). It was a long way!

DR. LUKE:

Along the way, he/she got attacked by some really tough looking people. They took his/her coat, beat him/her up, and left him/her half dead.

(Point to the left group: "Awwww.")

DR. LUKE:

Fortunately, a pastor (Priest in long robe) was going along the same road.

(Point to the right group: "Wahoo!")

Isn't that wonderful?

(Dr. Luke intentionally looks out at the audience)

DR. LUKE:

But when he/she saw him/her, they went to the opposite side of the road and walked by as far away as possible.

(Point to the left group: "Awwww.")

DR. LUKE:

But when Levi/Lily (dressed in suit jacket and tie) came along and saw him/her

(Point to the right group: "Wahoo!")

What do you think he/she did? Hmmm ... let's see.

DR. LUKE:

Levi/Lily also went to the opposite side of the road and walked by as far away as possible too.

(Point to the left group: "Awwww.")

DR. LUKE:

He/she didn't care at all! But then Sam (dressed in Biblical costume) came by, with Donkey (wearing Donkey ears).

(Point to the right group: "Wahoo!")

DR. LUKE:

You would think that if anyone wouldn't care, it would be Sam. Especially since Sam hadn't been accepted and left out and looked down on.

DR. LUKE:

But Sam stopped!

(Point to the right group: "Wahoo!")

DR. LUKE:

Sam went to Mike/Michaela and wrapped his/her wounds with bandages, then put him/her on Donkey and took him/her to the closest hotel.

(Point to the right group: "Wahoo!")

DR. LUKE:

There he/she met the hotel manager and asked him/her to take care of Mike/Michaela. He/She gave him/her money and said he/she would even pay all the extra expenses when he/she came back.

(Point to the right group: "Wahoo!")

Sam cared for him/her.

Dr. Luke turns to the Bible Story reader.

DR. LUKE:

Why do you think Jesus told this story?

BIBLE STORY READER:

Jesus has told us to love our neighbor.

(Shake head up and down)

And every person is your neighbor no matter how big they are

(raise your hand as tall as you can)

or how small they are

(lower your hand down to your knees)

... no matter what color hair they have

(point to your hair with both hands)

or where they are from. It's just plain and simple!

(Spread your arms out wide)

A neighbor

(pause for dramatic affect)

... is a neighbor!

BIBLE STORY READER:

Please bow your head as we pray: Dear Father, help us to love you with all our hearts and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Amen.

DR. LUKE:

Now let's go and be good neighbors!

