



## **THE SABBATH CIRCLES HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM**

*Unit Theme: Illumination of mind and heart*

*Lesson connected to Sunday, March 15, 2020*

*Today's Scripture: Luke 10:25-37*

**Key Verse:** "Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?"  
Luke 10:26

### *Contexts of the Scripture:*

- As we have learned in previous lessons, Luke is one of the three synoptic gospels meaning it offers its own summary of Jesus' life and ministry. It was written after Mark since it is clear in its composition that the author had access to Mark's gospel when writing this one. Luke was most likely written around 85CE, or roughly 50 years after Christ's death on the cross. Until then, it would have been preserved in an oral tradition, passed along from person to person.
- Luke was written in combination with the Book of Acts and was likely originally intended to be read as one book.
- This particular story comes at a time when Jesus is responding to the 70, a group of followers he had sent out ahead to the cities and towns he intended to visit with his message. The 70 had just returned from this task and Jesus had just finished praising them for their work when the lawyer poses his question. Therefore, it is not a stretch to assume the lawyer was one of the 70.
- The lawyer would have been a scholar of Jewish law as written in the Torah rather than civil law. Thus, his knowledge of the scriptures should have been superior to the average person's.

### *Questions to go deeper:*

- Taking into consideration that the man who posed a question was named by the text as a "lawyer," how do you think Jesus heard his question? How did Jesus respond?
- In the parable, what is the significance of the first two persons to pass by the injured man as being a priest and a rabbi? How does this connect to the lawyer asking the questions?
- How did Jesus reverse the question the man posed as the parable came to an end? Why does this matter? How did the man answer?
- Why did Jesus originally direct the man back to the law/scriptures?
- How would you answer Jesus' question: "what do you read there?" when it comes to reading the bible? What does the bible mean to you? What do you understand it to be?

### *Activity possibilities:*

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- **Family activities:**

- Where would this fall on the bible timeline? Hint: Check out the context info above!
- Find a favorite child's storybook and read it out loud to each other. Then, answer the question, "what do you read there?" Do you all agree on the message of the story? Why or why not? How are each person's thoughts on the story different?
- Play a game of "Good Samaritan Charades." In charades, the goal is for a person to act something out with everyone guessing who/what is being acted out. To do this with the Good Samaritan parable, take turns acting out the different people in the parable and see who has the best guesses and who is the most convincing actor.

- **Younger children activities:**

- Check out this link to some fun craft ideas to tell the story of the "Good Samaritan" to your family and friends:  
[https://www.google.com/search?hl=en&tbm=isch&source=hp&biw=1095&bih=638&ei=FQxtXrunMMOzytMPoOmf8Aw&q=good+samaritan+craft&oq=Good+Samaritan&gs\\_l=img.1.4.0l10.1686.5064..8053...0.0..0.145.1441.6j8.....0....1..gws-wiz-img.....0i131.YqoPVRq00Ts](https://www.google.com/search?hl=en&tbm=isch&source=hp&biw=1095&bih=638&ei=FQxtXrunMMOzytMPoOmf8Aw&q=good+samaritan+craft&oq=Good+Samaritan&gs_l=img.1.4.0l10.1686.5064..8053...0.0..0.145.1441.6j8.....0....1..gws-wiz-img.....0i131.YqoPVRq00Ts)

- **Older children and youth activities:**

- Work through the other activities explained above.
- This story in today's text is about much more than the Parable of the Good Samaritan. It is really about Jesus confronting someone who thought he knew all the answers. This is why Jesus asked him, "what do you read there" referring to the scriptures. Specifically, he is asking the man how he could be a lawyer, who would be a scholar of the Torah, and not know the answer to the question he was asking. Can you think of other examples from today when people act like they have all the answers when in reality they don't have a clue? When has that person been you? How did the situation end? How does thinking about this story from Luke impact how you think about your own situation?

Remember, Rev. Ruth is always happy to answer your questions and help you find more information on anything in the Bible that interests you! Catch up with her through the church or come to the Savoy Bookstore and Café any Thursday afternoon between 2-4pm.