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T: Can I understand Jesus' teachings of love and compassion for others in need?



Lent is a time of reflection when we think about what we can do to become the best version of ourselves.

Let's look in the Bible to see what Jesus teaches about love and compassion. Today we will be reading the parable of the Good Samaritan.



If you have a Bible at home, you can find this story in the New Testament in **Luke 10:25-37.**

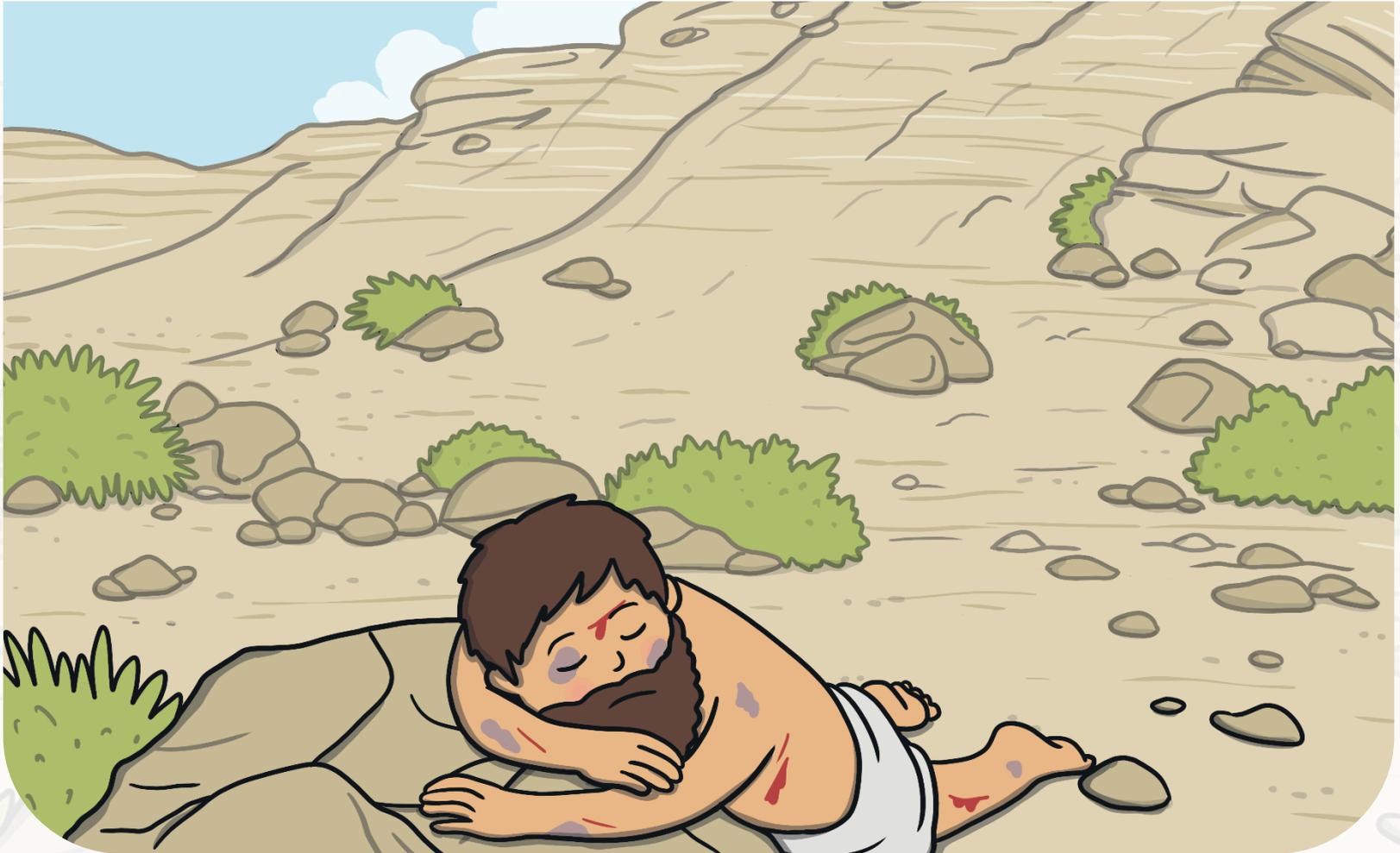
One day, a Jewish man went out for a stroll along the road between Jerusalem and Jericho.



Along the way, two bandits jumped onto the road and stole all of the man's belongings.



The bandits stole his clothes, beat him and left him for dead at the side of the road.



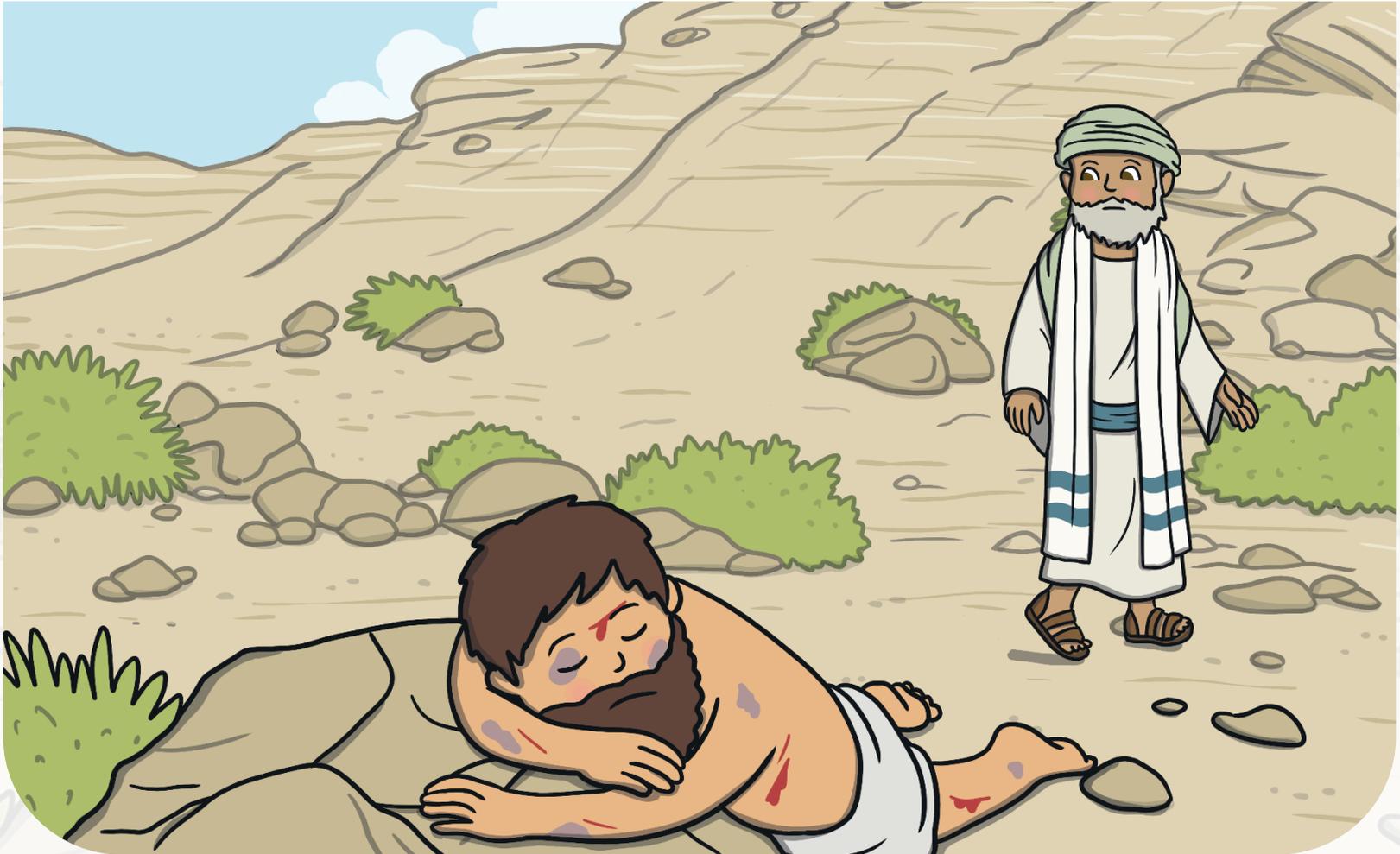
After a short while, a priest walked by and saw the man lying on the ground.



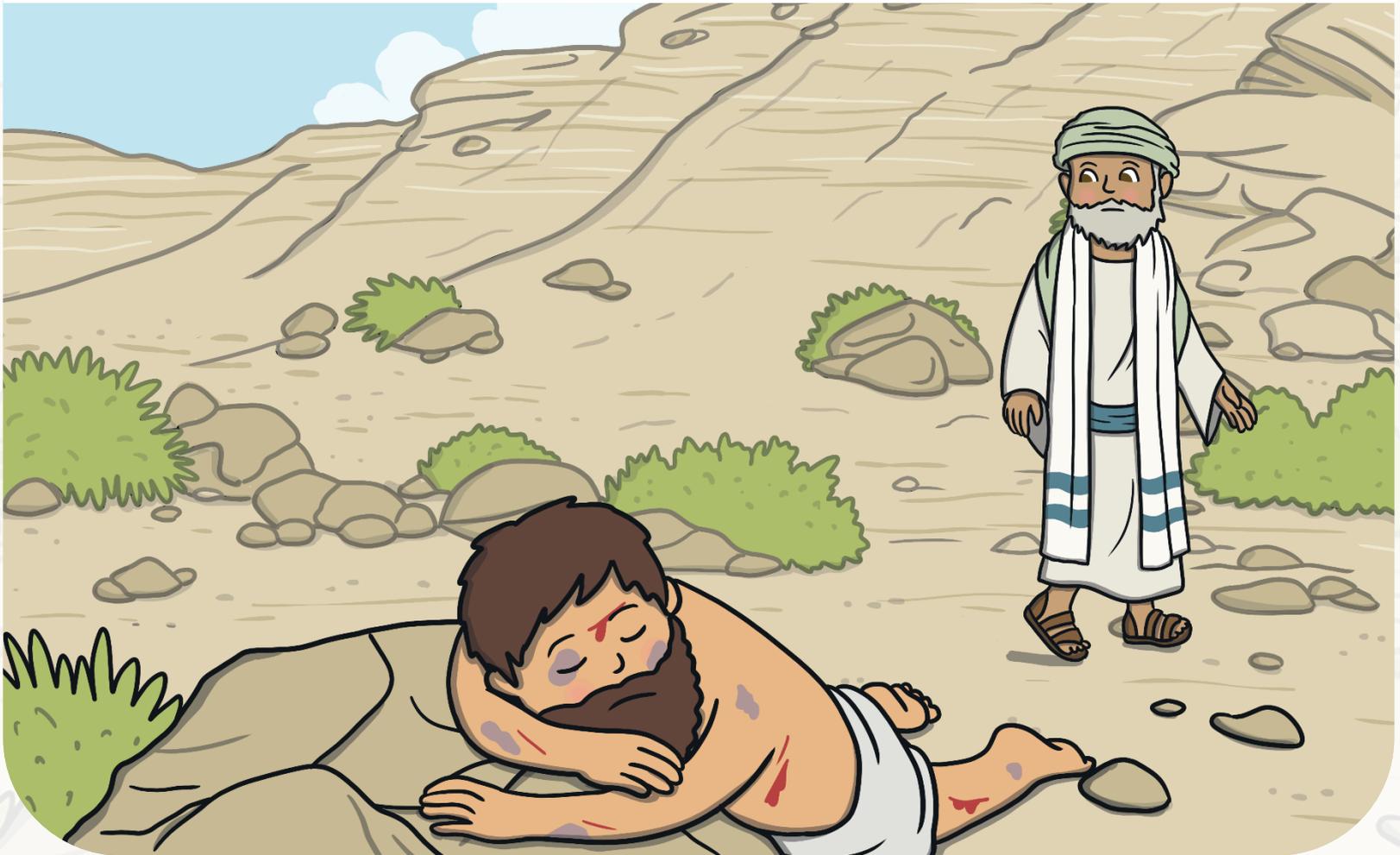
Did the Priest help? No, he walked away.



The next traveller to walk by was a Levite. The Levite's job was to help with the duties at the temple in Jerusalem.



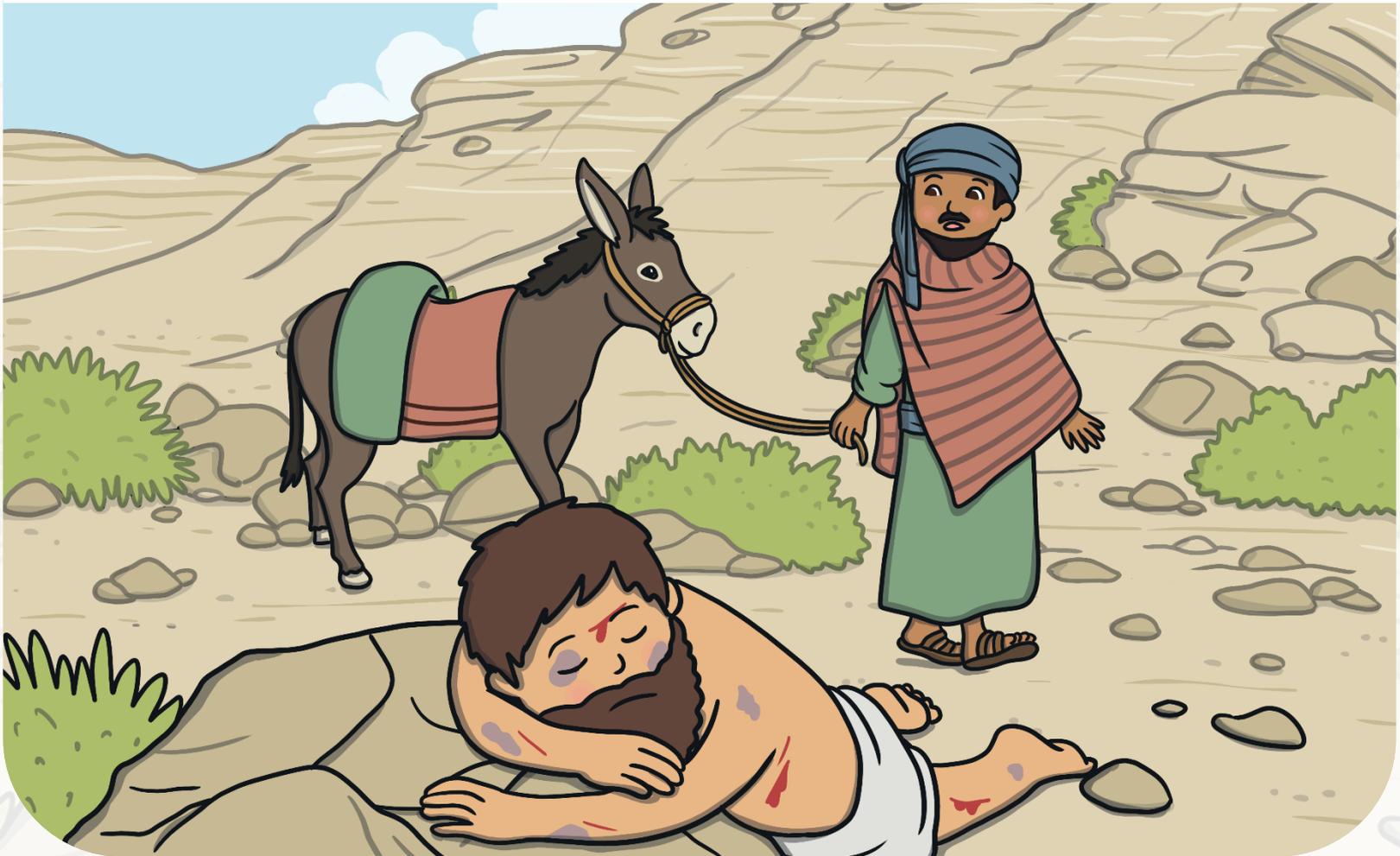
Did the Levite help? No, he walked away.



Soon, a Samaritan came along and saw the Jew lying on the ground. Samaritans and Jews usually didn't get along at all. They had very different beliefs, which made them treat each other badly.



Did the Samaritan help? Yes! The Samaritan couldn't leave the Jewish man to die.



The Samaritan covered the dying man with his cloak.



He put the man on his donkey and took him to a nearby inn.



He bought expensive medicine, wine, oil, and bandages to help heal the man.



Even though the Samaritans and Jews didn't often get along, the Samaritan showed the man kindness. He was a true neighbour to this stranger.



Here is the story written in the Bible in **Luke 10:25-37**.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

27 He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'^[a]; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'^[b]"

28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii^[c] and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Let's think about the story we have just read:

- What is the difference between the actions of the Samaritan and the actions of the Levite and the priest?
- What do you think Jesus is trying to teach us through this parable?
- Why is it important to help others?



Today's Task:

You task today is about resisting the things that are wrong. Read the scenarios and explain what you would do?

Scenario	What would you do?
You see someone in your class in the playground alone without anyone to play with.	
A person is carrying lots of heavy books and is struggling to open the door.	
A child in your class answers a question incorrectly and someone else laughs at them. This makes the child upset.	
You're completing a very difficult Maths test in class. You can see your clever friend next to you writing down all the answers and you're feeling tempted to copy them.	

Reflection

Think about what you could do today to show love and compassion.

Click on the link below to watch the video clip showing you how to spread kindness.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bs7f1hTmIAQ>

