

The Good Samaritan

Drama from Splash assembly

Narrator

Freeze Frame speaker

Traveller

2x Persons of importance

Samaritan

Camel

Innkeeper

One day Jesus told a story, a parable, which means that it was a story with a meaning. He said that there once was Jewish man who was travelling from Jerusalem to a place called Jericho. It was a lonely road, a road that was known to be quite a dangerous one, where robbers were said to wait for travellers.

As he was walking, he came across a group of robbers who hurt him, stole his bags and, left him lying on the ground, unable to get up again.

(Traveller to lie on the ground, groaning)

Let's "FREEZE FRAME" FOR A MOMENT. If that was you, hurt and unable to get up by yourself, if someone walked by what would you like, or expect them, to do?

So here was this man, lying on a lonely road, feeling very sore and unable to move. After a while a man, who was known to be of some importance, a Jewish priest, walked by. He saw the man, lying on the road, yet he walked past, on the other side of the road, not wanting to get involved.

(1 person of importance to walk past the man, looking down at him but hurrying by on the other side of the road.)

Again, a little while later, a Levite came walking along the road (Levites were like assistants to the Jewish priests) and he also saw the poor injured man. He too, looked at him, and then, just like to priest, moved to the other side of the road, and walked on by.

(1 person of importance to walk past the man, looking down at him but hurrying by on the other side of the road.)

Let's "FREEZE FRAME" FOR A MOMENT. We agreed earlier, didn't we, that we would like, or expect, someone to stop and help us if we were in the situation of this poor man. However, 2 fairly important people have walked by and they didn't stop to offer any help at all. How would you feel about that?

It must have seemed like hours later, when another person came by, with his camel. Unlike the two previous travellers, who had been pretty important people, this man was a Samaritan, a man from a community that Jewish people didn't generally like. This man stopped, and he looked at the injured man (**Samaritan acts as the narrator speaks**) and asked himself a question. (**holds up the question mark on a stick**) "This poor man looks really hurt, but he's also a Jewish man and I'm a Samaritan....and Jews and Samaritans don't like each other. What am I to do?!"

But the Samaritan's heart was filled with concern and love. (**Samaritan puts down question mark and picks up a large heart on a stick, or gets out his red, love heart cushion, and puts it under the injured man's head**).

He gave the injured man a drink from his bottle and bandaged his head. He then helped him up onto his animal and took him to a inn where he gave the Innkeeper some money, asking him to look after the man and help him to heal.

Let's "FREEZE FRAME" AGAIN. This Good Samaritan stopped and he helped the injured man. He knew what he had to do – what he wanted to do, because he had a heart full of compassion, a "HEART READY TO SERVE".