Parish of the Epiphany Faith at Home: April 10, 2022 Storymakers Lent Chapter 6: The Good Samaritan

Overview

Today we hear our sixth parable from Jesus. It is very well known: the Good Samaritan. Jesus uses this story to teach us that EVERYONE is our neighbor. God loves everyone, no matter where they are from or who they are; and God calls us to love everyone, too. Even people who are different from us, or people who are from far away. We can all be that good samaritan.

The Lesson Today

Begin by looking at the picture in our zines on page. 56 and wonder together What do you see? Who do you think this is? Does he look friendly to you? What do you think he's doing? Who do you think the characters are in our story today? What clues do you see?

Read the story together. Pg. 58-59

then turn the page and study the comic, pg. 60-61.

Remember: Back in Jesus's time, the people from Jerusalem and the people from Samaria did not get along; they didn't think they had anything in common or even liked each other. So when Jesus told this story, the people listening were probably surprised that a man from Samaria would help a Jew from Jerusalem.

Wonder together:

Who acted kindly toward the man who was hurt? Why do you think he helped him? Why might the others have passed him by without helping? Who was a neighbor - a friend - to the hurt man? What do you think Jesus was trying to teach us? What does Jesus reveal about God through this story?

Continue through the chapter together.

Thank you God, that you love and care for your whole creation. Thank you for loving us, and for loving our neighbors around the world. Please help us to love our neighbors, near and far. Help us to be kind and giving, like the good samaritan. Today we also pray for . . .