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It happened to be a priest who came by, but when he saw the man lying beside the road, he decided to take a different road because he was in a hurry and didn’t want to be bothered.

The poor man was certainly glad that it wasn’t one of the robbers, but he surely wished SOMEBODY would come along to help him.

After a little while, he heard footsteps again... He wanted to call out and get the attention of the person walking by, but he was in so much pain, all he could do was moan. “Maybe this person will see me and help me,” he thought anxiously.

This time the man who passed by was a Levite, a well-known teacher in the temple. SURELY he would want to help the poor man. But when he saw the man lying on the side of the road, he looked down... then turned his head...then walked right by, completely ignoring the poor, hurting man.

It wasn't long until the man heard yet ANOTHER set of footsteps. He wanted to believe that this person would reach down to help him, but he had already been passed by twice and dared not even hope for relief. By this time, he had given up all hope and was sure he was going to die right there on the side of the road.

The man who was traveling down the road this time was a stranger from Samaria.
Nobody even liked people from SAMARIA.

It was very unlikely that he would want to help. But as he passed by, he noticed the man who was lying beaten and bloody on the side of the road.

He felt sorry for him and wanted to help. He got off his donkey and bent down next to the man to get a closer look at the wounds. Gently, he wrapped bandages around the sores and helped him to his feet.

THEN... he carefully put the man on his very own donkey and took him to the nearest hotel. He stayed with the man overnight and took care of him.

The next morning he had to leave, but he knew he couldn't take the man with him. When he paid the bill, he gave the innkeeper extra money, saying, "Take care of him, feed him, and make sure he has everything he needs.

If he owes you any money after he gets well and leaves, write it down, and I will pay the bill the next time I come by."

Jesus, after finishing the story, asked the lawyer, "Which of these three men was a neighbor to the stranger on the street?"

The lawyer sheepishly answered, "The one who stopped and helped him."

And Jesus said, "That's right. Now YOU go and do the same."

How many people passed by the wounded man? 3

How many people stopped to help the wounded man? 1

How did the Samaritan show kindness to the wounded man? He bandaged him, put him on his donkey, and took him to the inn. He took care of him all night and then he paid the innkeeper to take care of him until he was completely healed.

Who is your neighbor? Everyone you meet.

Remember; Loving God includes showing love to all people.

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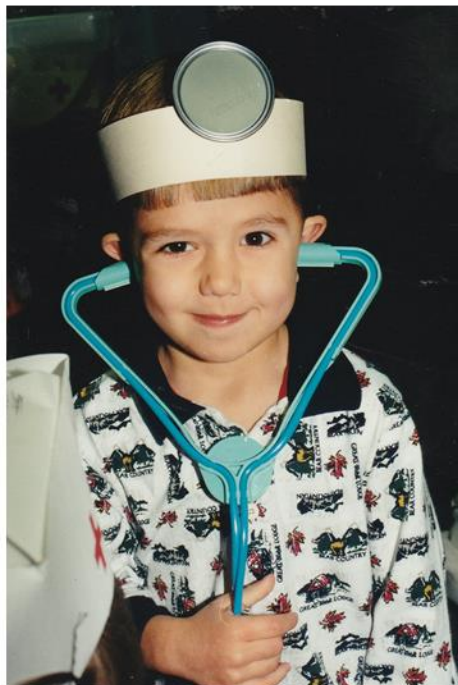
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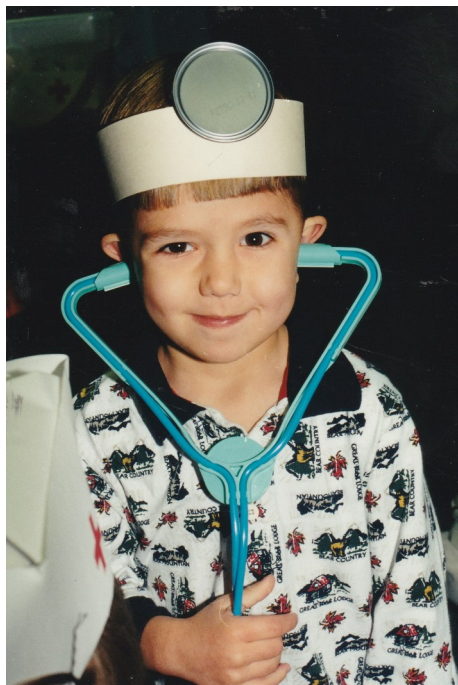
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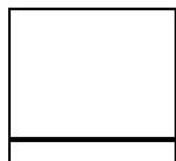
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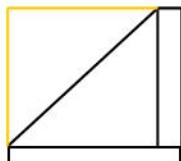
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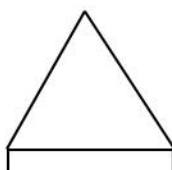
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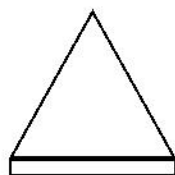
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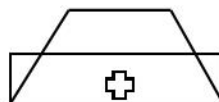


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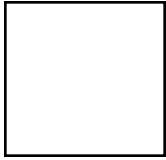
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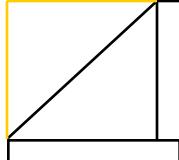
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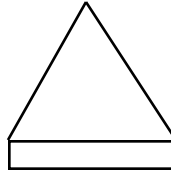
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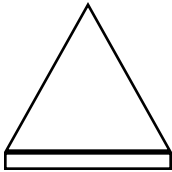
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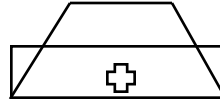


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Play the Good Samaritan

Take a variety of medical supplies and toys and allow the children to play doctor.

Stethoscope, bandages, thermometer, etc.

Select a child to represent the injured man.

Allow the other kids to bandage up an injured man.

Switch off and let a different child be the injured man.

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