

Summer Bible Story Activities

The Good Samaritan

Where to find the story of The Good Samaritan

- Luke 10:25-37
- *Spark Story Bible: Family Edition* pages 300-305
- *The Good Samaritan and Other Bible Stories*



This week's activities

- Craft activities
 - Helping at Home Napkin Holders
 - Kids make napkin holders to remember that Jesus wants them to help
 - Lend-a-Hand Gloves
 - Kids decorate gloves to remember that God wants us to lend a hand to those in need
- Cooking activity
 - Good Samaritan Frosting
 - Kids have fun with frosting and remember that they can love God, themselves, and their neighbors
- Activity pages
 - Need a Map Maze
 - Neighbor Maze
- Coloring pages
 - Let kids color their way through the story of The Good Samaritan

Making faith connections

Here are a few suggestions for ways you can enrich your child's engagement and learning with the story of The Good Samaritan.

- Family conversations
 - Who are your neighbors?
 - What are some ways your family helps other people?
- Brainstorm together some ways you can help people outside your family. Think of some very simple and doable things and then try to do one thing each day this week.
- Make a Kindness Jar. Write simple acts of kindnesses everyone in your family could do for each other or for any one right in front of them. Put all of the ideas in the jar and then take turns drawing one slip each week. Look for opportunities to carry out the acts of kindness that you drew.

A Prayer to Say Together

Thank you, God, for the stories Jesus told. Thank you for all of the neighbors you give us in our lives. Help us to serve you by serving them. Amen.

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The Good Samaritan Craft Activity

Helping at Home

Kids make napkin holders to help them set the table and remember, "Jesus wants me to help."

Supplies:

- Cardboard tubes from gift wrap or paper towels
- Glitter glue
- Small paper plates
- Small paintbrush
- White paper napkins, enough for each kid's family members
- Vinyl tablecloth
- Masking tape
- Paint shirts
- Sharp scissors or razor blade on a handle

Set Up:

Cover a work table with the vinyl tablecloth and tape the edges in place. Cut cardboard tubes into 3-inch (8 cm) pieces. If the cardboard is heavy, use the razor blade. Pour glitter glue on paper plates and spread it evenly with the paintbrush.

Instructions:

Read The Story of the Good Samaritan together.

Jesus wants us to help others. Helping set the table is one way we help at home. Today, we will make napkin rings to help you set the table.

1. Help kids put on paint shirts.
2. Invite kids to take one piece of cardboard tubing for each person in their family.
3. Write kids' names inside of their cardboard rings.
4. Help kids roll each napkin ring in glitter glue.
5. Set rings aside to dry.

Help set the table at home today. When you do, remember that Jesus wants us to help others, just like the Good Samaritan did!

The Good Samaritan Craft Activity

Activity Focus: God wants us to lend a hand.

Supplies

- Assortment of gloves:
- Fancy gloves
- Bell ringers' gloves
- Choppers (large mittens worn in cold climates)
- Gardening gloves
- Oven mitts

Lend-a-Hand Gloves

Supplies

- Assortment of gloves
- Fabric remnants
- Trims
- Gems
- Buttons
- Yarn
- Pompons
- Tacky glue
- Scissors
- Felt
- Sample pictures of decorated gloves from Internet search
- Cheap knit gloves or mittens, 1 pair per kid
- Paper towels or wax paper

Set Up: Set up a craft "buffet" of decorative materials for kids to use for their project.

Activity Instructions

By the time you are done today you will be able to extend a hand to anyone you meet . . . and you'll be doing it in style! Each of you will decorate a pair of gloves today. You can choose a matched pair or even a mismatched pair. There are cool trims for you to choose from, so let's get started.

Jesus wants us to notice the people around us who need help. Today's project is a great way for us to remember that there are people who need us. We can lend our hand to them and offer help.

Begin by sharing a collection of photos from the Internet to get kids' creativity

going. Ask what kids like about what they see and encourage them to share some additional ideas. Branch out and be creative—the brighter, bolder, and more interesting, the better!

Kids can create puppet fingers (one little puppet per finger), rainbow-colored gloves, a goofy new friend, or snipped fingertips.

Kids select a pair of gloves or mittens to decorate. Remind kids to stuff each glove or mitten with a bit of paper towel or wax paper to keep the glue from seeping through. Kids can use tacky glue sparingly to glue items on.

Prayer Time

**Dear God,
Help me see people in need. Help me hear people who need help.
Help me feel for others in the world. Help me extend a hand to others.
Amen.**

The Good Samaritan Cooking Activity

Scripture Reference: Luke 10:25–37 and pages 300-305 in *The Spark Story Bible: Family Edition*.

Activity Focus: We can love God, love ourselves, and love our neighbor.

Read the story of The Good Samaritan together.

Point out to kids how the Samaritan showed love for God, himself, and his neighbor by taking care of the hurt man.

Good Samaritan Frosting Fun

Supplies

- Oblong cake pan, 9 x 13 x 2 inches (23 x 33 x 5 cm)
- Mixing bowl
- Spatula
- Electric beater
- Table knives
- Cups
- Small plates
- Forks
- Napkins
- Water pitchers
- Cake cutter
- Cake server
- Cleanup sponges

Ingredients (serves 12)

- Cake mix, 18.25 ounces (517 grams)
- Oil, 1/3 cup (78 ml)
- Water, 1 cup (236 ml)
- Eggs, 3
- Pre-made chocolate frosting, 16 ounces (453 grams)
- White squeeze frosting, 2 8.4-ounce (238 grams) tubes
- Green squeeze frosting, 2 8.4-ounce (238 grams) tubes
- Yellow squeeze frosting, 2 8.4-ounce (238 grams) tubes
- Red squeeze frosting, 2 8.4-ounce (238 grams) tubes
- Butterscotch chips, 12-ounce (340 grams) bag

Set Up: Make the cake ahead of time following the directions on the box. Be sure the cake is cool by the time the kids frost it. Set up the frosting area with all the

needed supplies—table knives, cups of water, and frosting.

Activity Instructions

There is a cake in this pan. It's a yummy cake but . . . it's missing something. (*Frosting!*) It's missing its frosting. So, we are going to frost this cake today; however, we are not just going to frost this cake. We are going to use the frosting to create a scene from today's story of the good Samaritan. Let's think about the story for a minute. What happens on the road in today's story? (*A man was traveling and he was robbed.*) A man was traveling on a "scary road" and he was robbed and hurt. Hold up pages 300-305 in *The Spark Story Bible: Family Edition*. Look at this picture. How can we make our frosting look like this dirt road using our frosting supplies? Point to the frosting supplies. (*Make it bumpy, use the butterscotch chips for rocks, etc.*) **Yes! When we frost the cake, we can make the frosting bumpy. We can add chips for rocks. We can even build it higher by layering frosting and chips. First though, we need to just put a thin layer of frosting on the cake.**

Have kids put a thin layer of chocolate frosting on the cake. Show kids how to dip the knives in water to make the frosting smoother. There is not a correct way to make a bumpy frosting road. Leave it up to the kids.

When the road is complete, show kids the frosting supplies. **We now have a scary, bumpy road for the man to travel on. What else do we need to make out of frosting to tell the story of the good Samaritan?** (*the man who got hurt, the Samaritan man, the guys who didn't stop, the inn, etc.*) **Here is some squeeze frosting in different colors and some more chocolate frosting. You may use these tools to complete the scene. Let's see who wants to work on what.** Discuss with the kids who will work on what part of the story. Then, turn them loose to create.

When the work is complete, discuss the scene created on the cake. **Wow! Look at the story of the good Samaritan created in frosting! I see a bumpy road, a (fill in what you see), and a (fill in what you see).** Ask the kids to retell the story to you using the cake. **I think it's time to eat this yummy cake. Let's clean up our kitchen and then set our table.** Get to work cleaning up and preparing to share a meal.

Prayer Time

**Dear Loving God,
Help us always love you,
Love ourselves,
And love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**When we forget to love any of these three,
Forgive us and help us try again.
Amen.**

The Good Samaritan



“Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to live forever with God?”

The Good Samaritan



A tear ran down the Samaritan's cheek
as he bent down to help the hurt man.

The Good Samaritan



He wanted the hurt man to get better.

The Good Samaritan



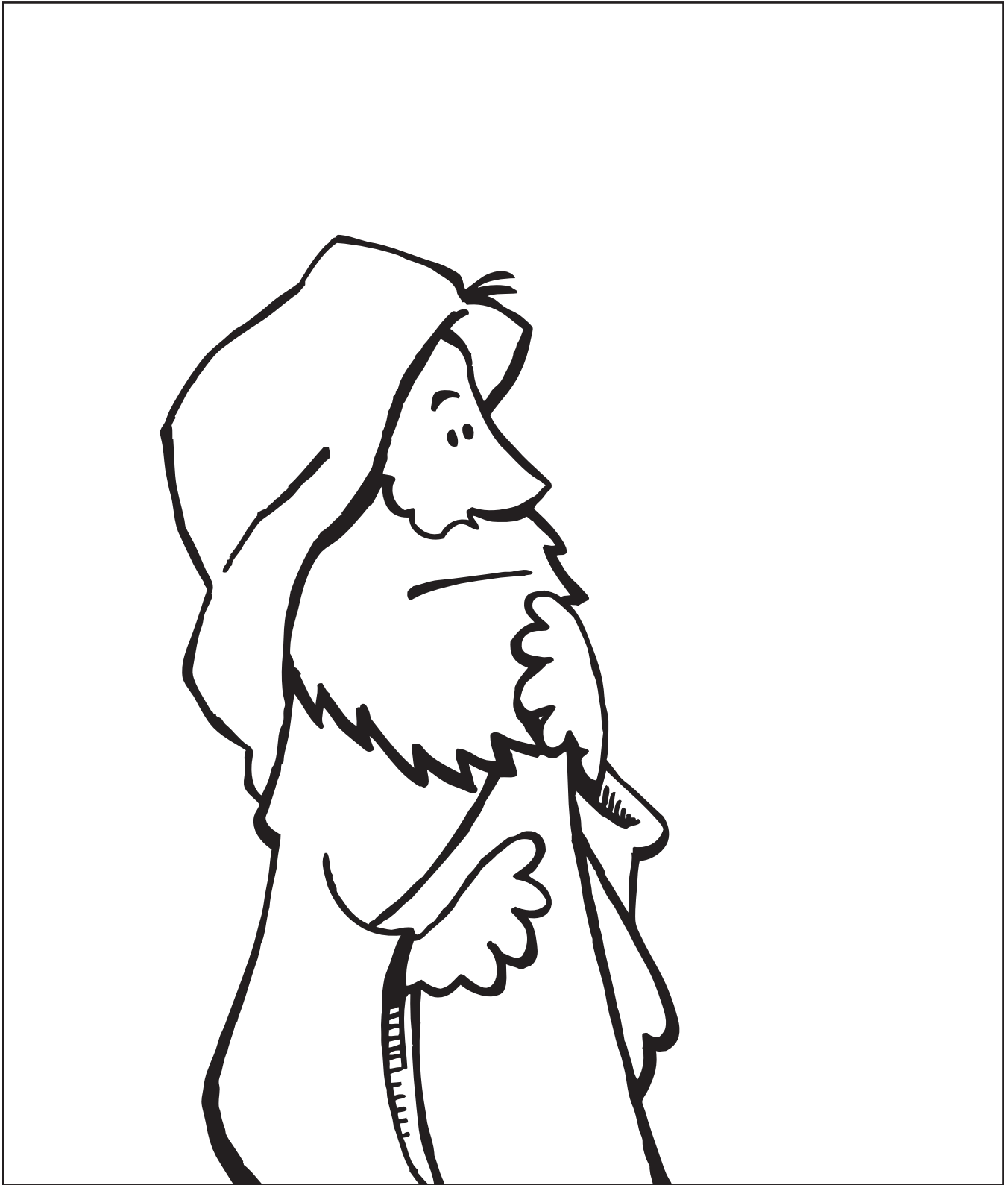
The Samaritan huffed and puffed as he tried to lift the man onto his donkey.

The Good Samaritan



A priest was going down the road. He saw the hurt man and passed by him on the opposite side of the road.

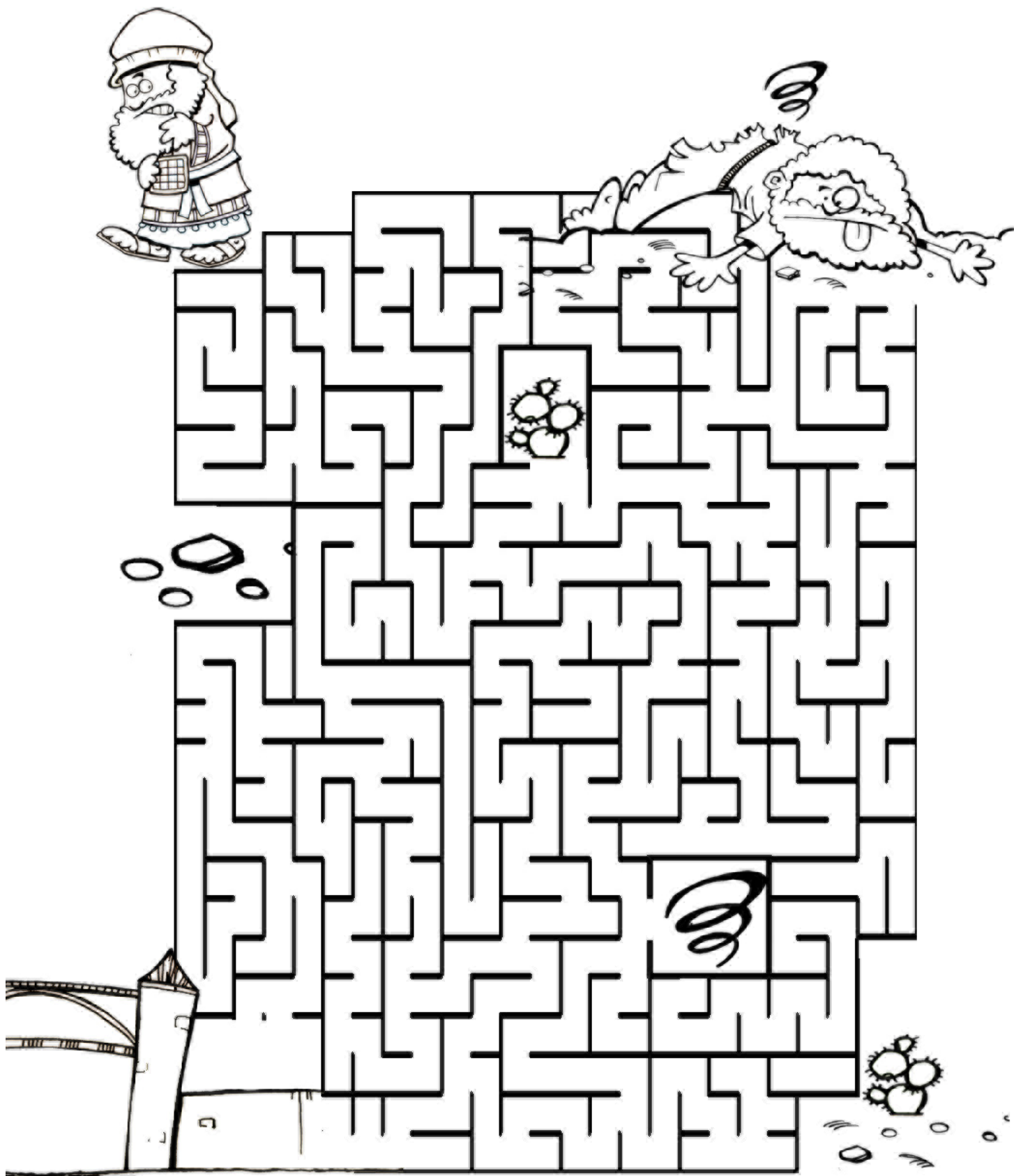
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After Jesus finished the story, he asked, “Which of the three men was a neighbor to the man who was hurt?”

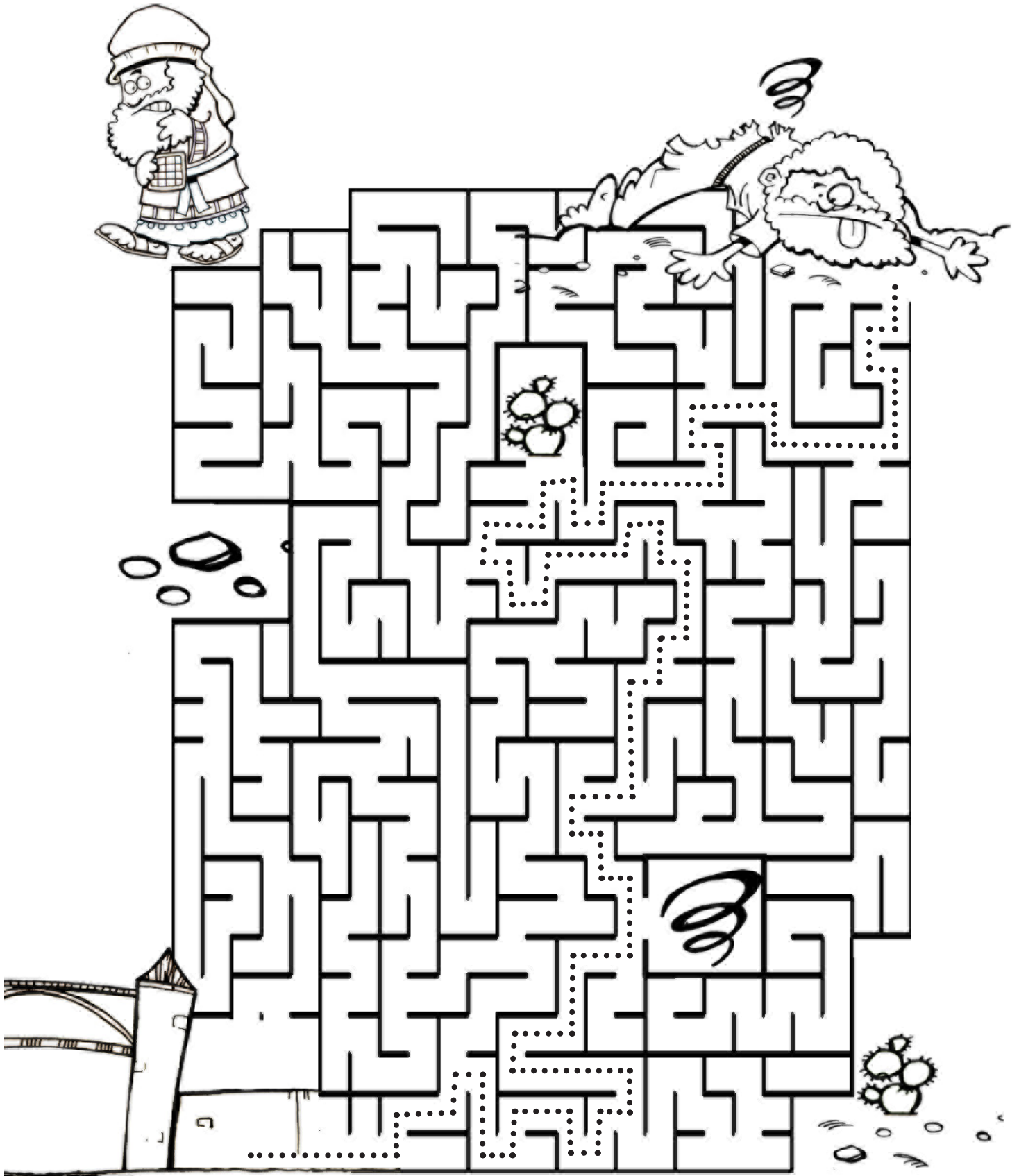
Need a Map?

Help the Samaritan find the right path to Jericho.



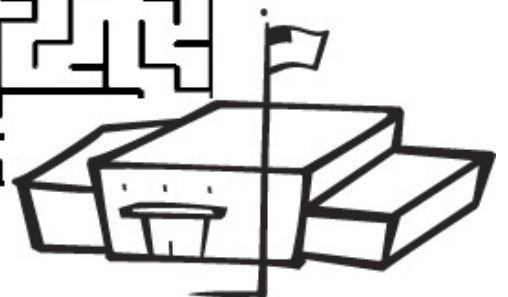
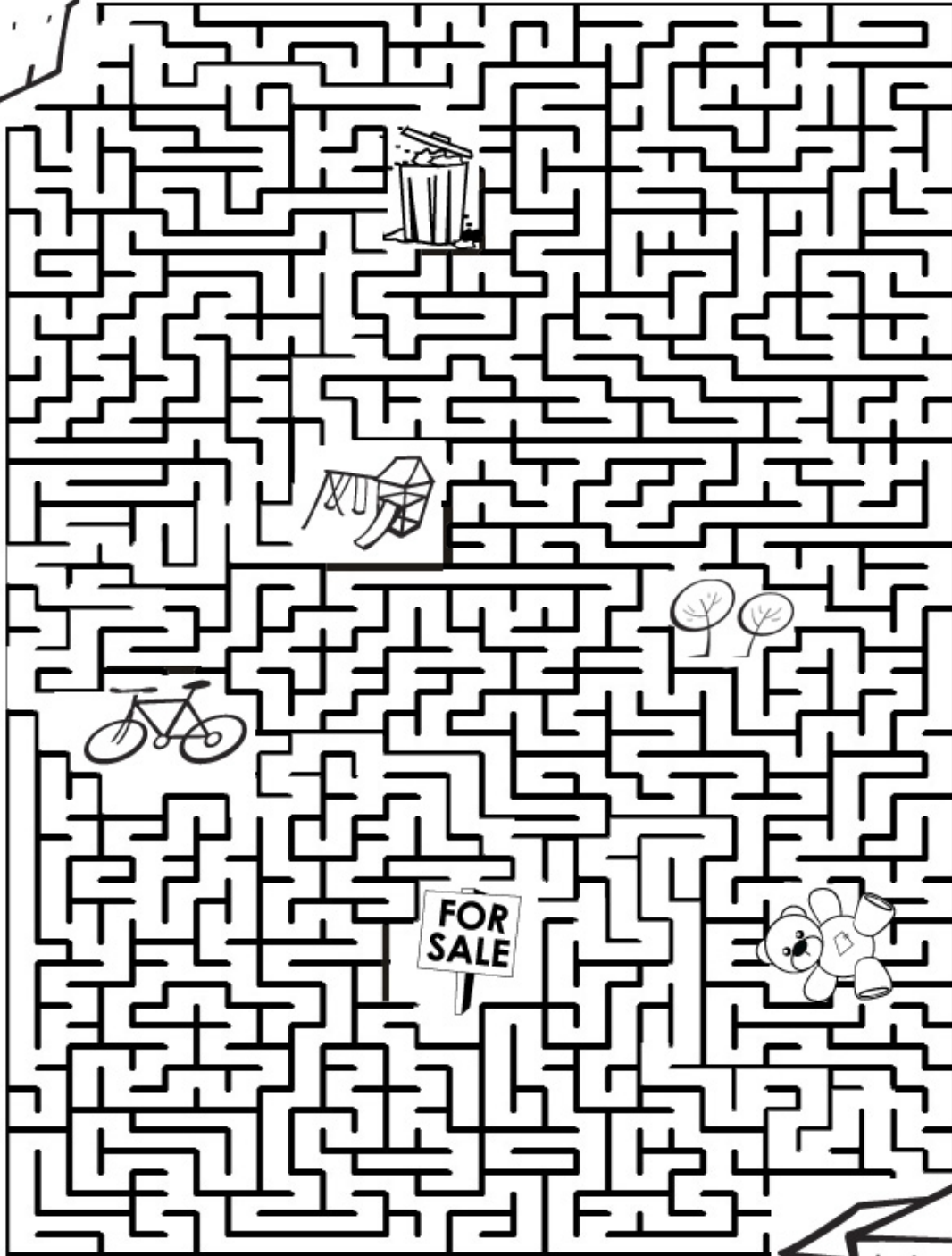
Need a Map? Solution

Help the Samaritan find the right path to Jericho.



Neighbor Maze

There are four spots to drop by on this maze from home to school. At each spot write one way you can take care of your neighbors.



Neighbor Maze Solution

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