

Are You A Good Neighbor?

There are many stories in the Bible that tell us about being a neighbor. There are stories that tell of being a good neighbor too.

Our story today comes from the Book of Luke. It goes like this:

There was a traveler on the road. There were some men who stopped and attacked him. They stole his belongings and his money. He was left to die on the road.

A priest came by the injured man, looked to see and then passed on. He did nothing to help. A second man, a Levite, came by the scene of this attack and he too looked and went on his way.

Finally a man from Samaria came down the road. The people from Samaria were not looked upon as good folk. He stopped, saw the injured man and began to take care of his injuries. He put him on his donkey, took him to an inn and nursed him back to health.

Luke in his story says, "Who was the good neighbor?"

The answer is really quite simple of course, or is it? The story makes us think of lost opportunities in our lives when we could do something for someone and don't.

Here are some questions for you to answer. Are you a good neighbor?

When there are new kids at school in your class, do you meet them and make them feel welcome?

When you see an older person with very heavy packages, do you offer to help carry them to his/her car?

If there is an accident on the highway, do you stop to see if people need help or call 911 to get help for them?

Do you shovel a neighbor's driveway without taking money?

If you are riding a bus, do you give up your seat to a lady or to an older person?

There are always times to be a good neighbor. These are just a few things to think about!