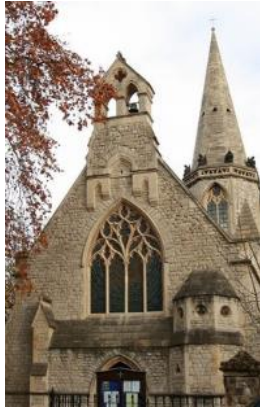


The Good Samaritan



The Good Samaritan is a Christian story. It is a **parable** from the **Bible** and Christians believe that Jesus told this story to his followers. The message the story is that we should help everyone in need even if we have different beliefs. Many artists have been inspired by this parable and created paintings to tell the story. This one is by Vincent van Gogh, the famous Dutch painter, and shows the Samaritan helping the traveller.











When have you been a good Samaritan?

Key vocabulary

Bible	Christian holy book
Christianity	A religion whose followers believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God
Jericho	A city in Israel
Jerusalem	The capital city of Israel
parable	A simple story with a moral message
priest	A religious leader
Samaritans	A religious group of people
traveller	A person going on a journey

The Story of The Good Samaritan

			
A man set out to travel from Jerusalem to Jericho. It was a long and dangerous journey.	The man came to a lonely place. Suddenly robbers rushed out from behind some rocks.	The robbers hurt him and they stole all his things. They even stole his shoes and then they ran away.	When he woke up the traveller felt very ill and he hoped someone would come by and help him.
			
Eventually a priest came along and the Samaritan was sure the holy man would help. To his surprise he pretended to not see the traveller and crossed the road.	Then a lawyer approached but he just walked on by. Then in the distance he saw a foreigner, a Samaritan. He had been told that the Samaritans were his enemies	To the traveller's surprise the Samaritan stopped and helped him. He gave the man some water and cleaned his wounds. He then put him on his donkey.	The Samaritan took the man to a hotel and paid the owner to look after the man until he was better. The traveller realised that his real friend was the Samaritan.