

The Good Samaritan Craft

Paper inn with a door that opens · Luke 10:25–37 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium

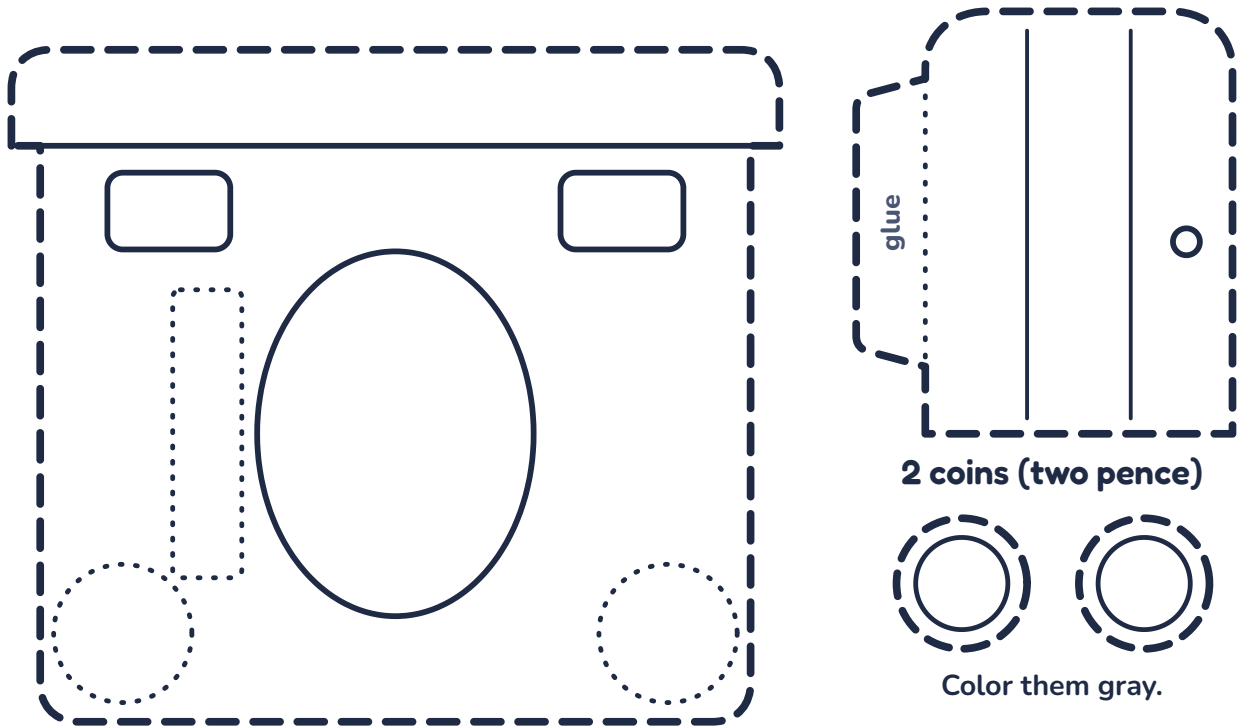


Harder

Both levels have a paper inn with a door that opens. Behind the door, kids draw the hurt man resting at the inn, where the Samaritan brought him and took care of him (Luke 10:34). Two coins at the bottom stand for the "two pence" he gave the host (Luke 10:35).

For the harder level, kids also glue the inn on the road map from page 3.

Name: _____ ✂ Cut on the dashed lines · fold on the dotted line



Color the inn light brown and the small windows yellow, the door dark brown and the coins gray. Cut out every piece. In the big oval window, draw the hurt man resting at the inn. Glue the door's tab on the dotted box beside the oval so the door opens. Glue the coins on the dotted circles.

"And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself."

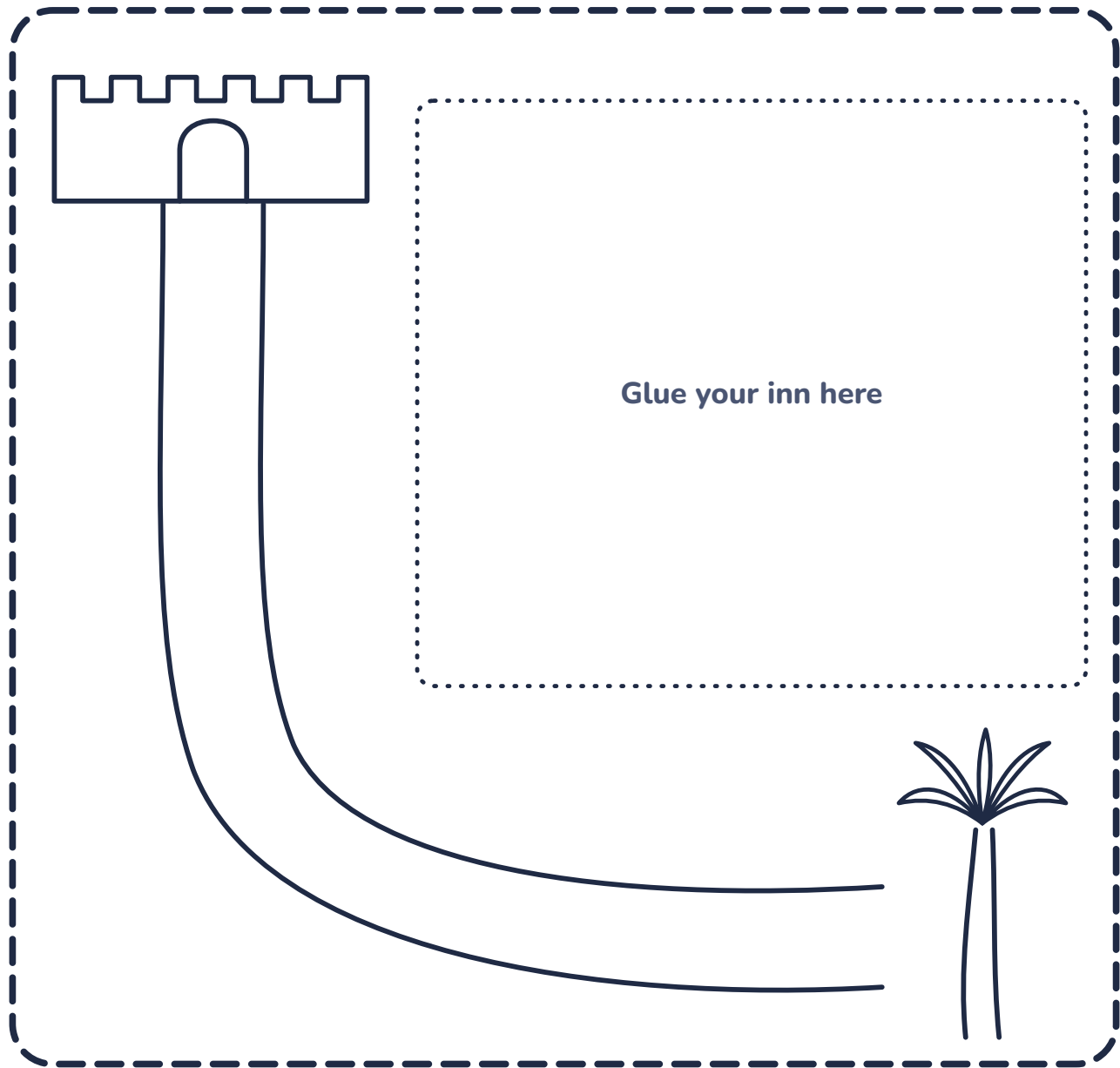
Luke 10:27 (KJV)

Name: _____

& Harder level

Road map (harder level)

Color the road tan, the city wall gray and the palm tree green with a brown trunk.



The road map: the wall is **Jerusalem**; the palm tree is **Jericho**, "the city of palm trees" (Deuteronomy 34:3). The man "went down from Jerusalem to Jericho" (Luke 10:30).

1. Color the map and cut it out on the dashed line.
2. Glue your inn (page 2) on the dotted box, and the verse strip on the back of the map.
3. Trace the road from Jerusalem down to Jericho and tell the story.

For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/good-samaritan-craft

Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels

You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), crayons in light brown, dark brown, yellow and gray, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child, and tan, green and gray crayons.

Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the inns, doors, coins and verse strips ahead of time.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's inn, door, two coins and verse strip. Kids color the pieces and draw the hurt man in the oval window (a simple drawing is fine). Then you glue on the door tab so the door opens, and glue the verse strip on the back. Kids glue the two coins on the dotted circles and count them: "two pence" (Luke 10:35).
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color and cut out the pieces, draw the hurt man in the window, glue on the door and the two coins, and glue the verse strip on the back. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the inn like the medium level, but don't glue the verse strip on the inn. Then color and cut out the road map on page 3, glue the inn on the dotted box beside the road, and glue the verse strip on the back of the map. Kids trace the road from Jerusalem to Jericho while they tell the story, and say Luke 10:27 from memory before they take it home. This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color:** color the inn light brown and its two small windows yellow. Color the door dark brown and the two coins gray.
2. **Cut:** cut out the inn, the door, the two coins and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
3. **Draw:** inside the big oval window, draw the hurt man lying down to rest, with a bandage on his arm. The Samaritan "bound up his wounds" and "brought him to an inn, and took care of him" (Luke 10:34).
4. **Door:** fold the door's glue tab on the dotted line. Put glue on the tab only and press it on the dotted box beside the oval window. Now the door opens and closes.
5. **Coins:** glue the two coins on the two dotted circles at the bottom of the inn. The Samaritan gave the host two pence (Luke 10:35).
6. **Verse:** glue the verse strip on the back of the inn and read it together.

Questions to ask while kids work

- A priest and a Levite saw the hurt man and passed by on the other side (Luke 10:31–32). What did the Samaritan do when he saw him? (*He had compassion, went to him and bound up his wounds, Luke 10:33–34.*)
- The Samaritan brought the man to an inn and took care of him (Luke 10:34). Open your door: how is the man in your drawing being cared for?
- The next day the Samaritan gave the host two pence and said, "Take care of him" (Luke 10:35). What did helping cost the Samaritan?
- Jesus said, "Go, and do thou likewise" (Luke 10:37). Who is one person you can help this week?

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained:** thou shalt = you must, thy = your, soul = all of who you are inside, neighbour = neighbor, as thyself = as much as you love yourself. Two pence = two coins; the host = the man in charge of the inn.
- **Draw people kindly:** the drawing is of the hurt man resting after the Samaritan helped him, not of him being hurt.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Hold up a finished craft so they can see the goal.
- **The door:** glue only the tab. If glue gets on the door itself, it won't open.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Good Samaritan Sunday school lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/good-samaritan.