

## Children's Sermon for July 14 (based on Luke 10:25-37)

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**Items needed:** bag of M & M's, cutting board, sharp knife. Beforehand, pick out two of the colors and put them all on the cutting board, separated according to color, and far apart from each other. Tell kids--when Jesus walked the earth, there were two groups: one group was called the Jews (point to one of the colors,) and the other group was called the Samaritans (point to other color.) They usually stayed apart from each other, just like I have these two colors separated. But in today's Bible reading, Jesus tells a story. In Jesus' story, a person (pull out one of the candies of one color) gets beaten up by some robbers. Then, along comes a pastor (get another candy of same color), but when he sees the person laying on the ground, he moves away (pull that candy away.) The same thing happens when along comes a church leader (repeat action of moving along, and away, with another candy of same color>). But then, in Jesus's story, along comes a Samaritan (pull forward one of the candies from the other color>) And this Samaritan, who could have gone away like the pastor and the church leader, instead stops and helps the person who's been beat up. (Now, you have these two different colored candies close to each other on the cutting board.) People are like these two candies--we can look at how we are different. Or (get out sharp knife and cut each candy in half) we can remember how God has made each of us the same, on the inside. That is something called compassion, or caring---remembering how God has made each of us the same, on the inside.