The Nature of God

The Good Friend

Jesus lived peacefully all his life and had respect for life. He loved everything that God had made. Most of all He loved God's people. Instead of hurting He **healed** them and taught them how to be good. He did not fight or kill. Jesus lived by the **fifth** commandment "Thou shall not kill," and He desires us to do the same.

Jesus knows that not all people have respect for the life of others. Throughout the ages, people have had to deal with violence in the world. **Violence** is a rough action that hurts.

This is a story that Jesus told when a man asked what he must do to have everlasting life. "What is written in the commandments?" Jesus asked.

The man answered: "You must love the Lord your God with all your **heart**, and with all your **soul**, and with all your **strength**, and with all your **mind**; and you must love your neighbour as yourself." Then the man wanted to know, "But, **who is my neighbour**?"

Jesus then told about the man who was on his way from Jerusalem to **Jericho** and was **robbed** and **beaten** and left half dead by the roadside.

First, a **priest** came by, and when he saw the wounded man, he passed by on the other side. Next, a **Levite** came and he, too, looked at the hopeless man and passed by on the other side of the road. Then a **Samaritan** came along. He took care of the hurt man and then put him on his donkey and took him to an **inn** to stay. The Samaritan paid for everything. The next morning he had to leave, but he knew he couldn't take the man with him. When he paid the bill, he gave the innkeeper extra money, saying, "Take care of him, feed him, and make sure he has everything he needs. If he owes you any money after he gets well and leaves, write it down, and I will pay the bill the next time I come by."

Jesus, after finishing the story, asked the lawyer, "Which of these three men was a **neighbour** to the stranger on the street?" The lawyer sheepishly answered, "The one who stopped and helped him." And Jesus said, "That's right. Now YOU go and do the same.

Name: _____

Read the story above and answer all questions.

1. Which road was the man travelling on?

   a. Coral Road b. Jericho Road c. Kemp Road

2. What did NOT happen to the man?

   a. robbed b. beaten c. rewarded

3. Who was the first person to pass the man on the road?

   a. Levite b. Priest c. Samaritan

4. Which commandment did Jesus live by?

   a. First b. Ninth c. Fifth

5. Who was the neighbour to the man?

   a. Samaritan b. Levite c. Priest

6. Which statement is NOT true?

   a. The Samaritan took car of the hurt man

   b. The Samaritan put the man on his donkey

   c. The Samaritan put the hurt man to bed

   d. The Samaritan paid the innkeeper to take care of them

7. According to the passage, what is the meaning of violence?

8. Instead of hurting, Jesus _____ people and taught them how to be

   _____.