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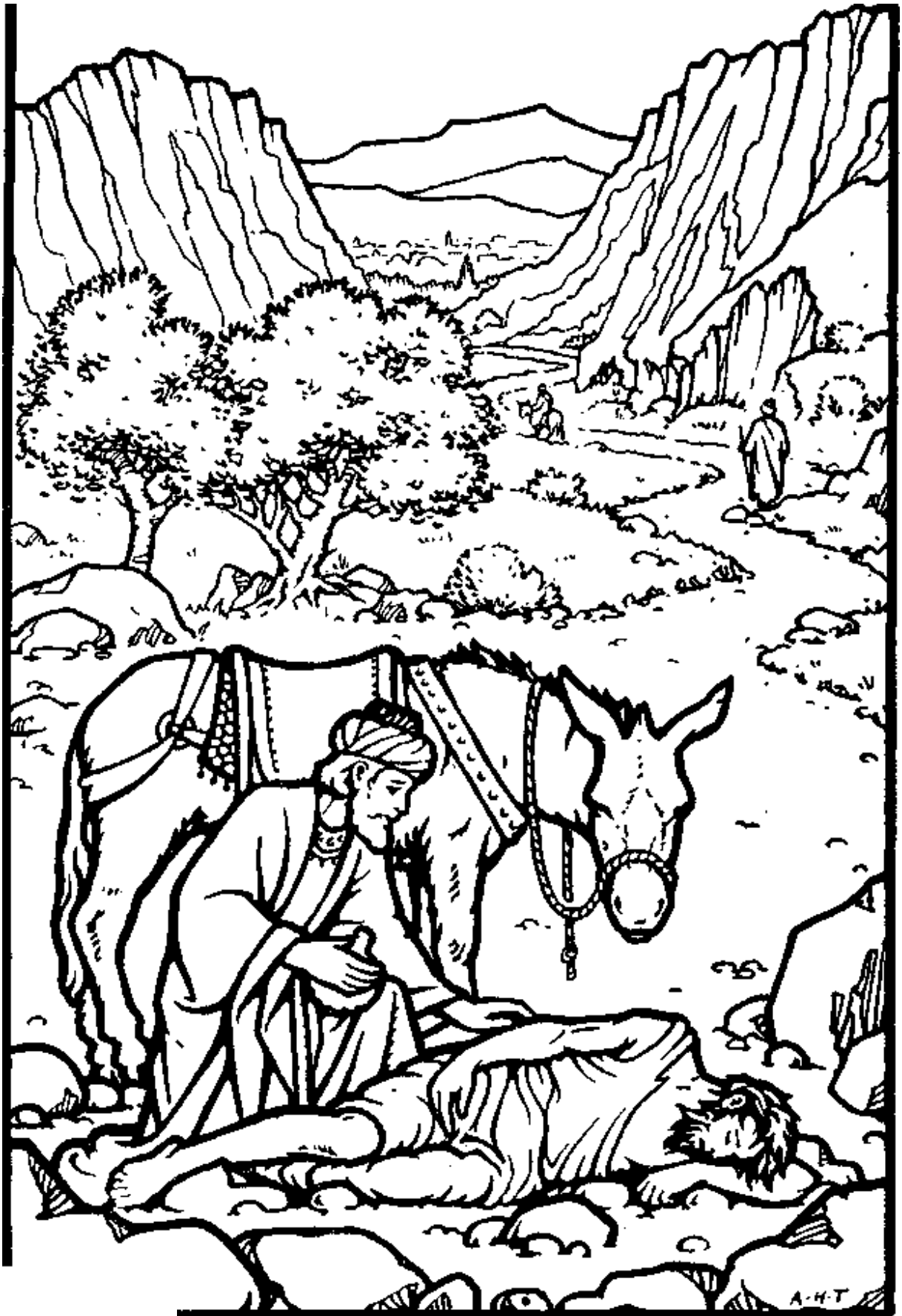
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## **Six Parables of Jesus**

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# 1. THE GOOD SAMARITAN



There was a Jewish man travelling along the road to Jericho when some thieves attacked him, they took everything he had and left him for dead.

After a while a man came along but walked right passed him. Then a Pharisee saw him lying on the ground unconscious, but he crossed to the other side of the road and went on his way.

Still later another man came along. He was a Samaritan and the Samaritans, and the Jews disagreed about where to pray to God, so didn't like each other, but this Samaritan didn't worry about that, he helped the man and took him to an inn and saw that he was well cared for.

He even gave the inn keeper extra money to care for him and promised to pay anything more that was owed on his return.

This man was being a good neighbour. It shouldn't matter to us if a person is different, we are to love everyone and always be kind and helpful.

**Luke 10: 29-37**

## 2. THE SOWER



Where the seed falls on patches of rock it is like the one who hears what I say and welcomes it with joy, but there are no roots, so when some problem about what I said comes along, that one falls away at once.

Where the seed falls among the thorns, it is like one who hears the word, but the things he loves more than he loves me, tempt him away and so he has nothing.

Matthew 13: 4-9  
Luke 8: 4-8

### 3. THE PRODIGAL SON



The youngest son of a rich man asked for his share of the money that would come to him, then went away and spent it all on having a good time. He made lots of friends, but when all the money was gone, they all left him. He was poor and lonely and the only job he could get was to look after some pigs.

He thought about what he had left in his own land. My father's servants eat better than I do now he thought, then he realized how wrong he had been, he said to himself. "I will go to my father and tell him I am sorry and ask for a job with his servants." So he left his job and began the long walk home.

When he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming, and was so happy he ran out to meet him and greeted his son with a hug and kiss. The boy was very sad and ashamed, and he said, "Father, I am sorry that I have sinned against you and against God. I don't deserve to be one of the family anymore but please let me live here as one of your servants."

The father was so glad to have his son home again; he didn't want him to be sad anymore. "Bring my son some new clothes," he said to his servants. "Bring a ring for his finger because he is my son. He was lost and now he is home again."

Luke 15:11-24



## 4 THE UNMERCIFUL SERVANT



There was a man who owed his boss a lot of money but could not pay him back. When the time came to pay-up he begged his boss to give him more time to pay and not throw him into prison or sell his wife and children to be slaves.

His boss felt sorry for him and forgave him all the dept.

Later the same man who had been forgiven went to someone who owed him a little bit of money, but when the poor man begged for more time, he wouldn't give him any and had him thrown into prison.

When the man's boss heard about this, he was very angry and said, I forgave you your dept. You should have done the same, now you must also go to jail because of your wickedness.

God the Father wants us to be kind and love other people because he always forgives us when we say "sorry".

**Matthew 18: 23-35**

## 5. THE BARREN FIG TREE



A man had a fig tree planted in the vineyard and when he came looking for fruit, he found it had not grown any at all.

He said to the man who looked after his vineyard “I have been coming here to look for fruit on this tree for three years now. Cut it down! Why should it be taking up space on the ground?”

“Sir,” the man replied “leave it for one more year and give me time to dig around it and care for it. If it doesn’t give any fruit next year, then we can cut it down.”

**Luke 13: 1-5**

## 6. THE LOST COIN



A woman who has ten precious coins and loses one will light the lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it.

Then she will be happy and call her friends to come and share her joy because she has found something that was lost.

In the same way the angels in heaven will rejoice and be very happy when even just one person who has done something wrong is sorry and asks to be forgiven.

**Luke 15:8-10**