Loving God and Our Neighbour

In today's Gospel reading we learn that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart and soul and strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

The most important thing you do in your life is loving God. If you really love God then you will do what is right and love other people as well. The Samaritan in the story loved God even though he didn't worship Him in the proper way like the Jews did. But because he loved God he wanted to please Him by being kind to his enemy.

If you don't love God then you will not be able to make good decisions about other things either. You can't even love other people properly if you don't love God the most. The priest and Levite in the parable probably cared more about themselves than about God. That is why when they saw their own countryman injured and lying by the roadside they just walked past.

Is God the most important person in your life? Talk to Him every day and you will grow to love Him. You can be a good neighbour to everyone by being a good friend of God.

The Kids' Bulletin
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Which of the three paths would the good Samaritan take?
Find out which one leads to the man who was robbed.

Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan to show the people what it means to love your neighbour after someone asked Him "Who is my neighbour?"
SAINT BONAVENTURE
JULY 15

BONAVENTURE WAS BORN IN ITALY AROUND THE YEAR 1221. WHEN HE WAS A BABY HE WAS VERY SICK AND WAS CURED BY THE INTERCESSION OF ST. FRANCIS.

Holy Father Francis, pray that our son will be healed!

AT AGE 21 BONAVENTURE JOINED THE FRANCISCANS AND WAS SENT TO STUDY IN PARIS.

HE SOLVED PROBLEMS IN THE ORDER AND WROTE THE LIFE OF ST. FRANCIS.

POPE GREGORY MADE BONAVENTURE A CARDINAL.

I'm not feeling very well...

ST. BONAVENTURE DID MUCH WORK TO BRING PEACE AMONG THE FRANCISCANS, WHO WERE BECOMING DIVIDED. DIFFERENT GROUPS WANTED DIFFERENT RULES, SO HE SHOWED THEM HOW THEY WERE WRONG TO FIGHT AMONGST THEMSELVES. CAN YOU HELP PEOPLE TO MAKE PEACE WITH EACH OTHER?

TRUE OR FALSE?
The Story of the Good Samaritan

Jesus told the people a parable to show them how to be a good neighbour. At that time the Samaritans were enemies of the Jews.

How well do you know the story?

See if you can figure out which of these are true and which are false.

1. In the parable, a man was walking from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he came across a group of people who had been robbed. True or False?

2. The robbers beat the man and took all he had. True or False?

3. A priest walked past the man and ignored him. True or False?

4. A Levite saw the man and left him some money. True or False?

5. A Samaritan saw the man, bandaged his wounds, and took him to an inn. True or False?

6. The Samaritan told the innkeeper that he had done his job and he didn't care what happened to the man. True or False?

7. In the parable, the Samaritan, who was normally the man's enemy, was his best neighbour. True or False?