"Teacher! What must I do to receive eternal life?"
The man who asked the question was a lawyer, trying to trick Jesus.

"What does God’s Law say?" Jesus responded.

"Love God and your neighbor," the man said. "But who is my neighbor?" he asked.
To answer the man’s question, Jesus told a story about a man traveling on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. The man was attacked by thieves.

They also wounded him badly, leaving him half dead at the side of the road.

Now by chance a certain priest came by. Surely he would help the wounded man.

No! When he saw the man bleeding, he passed by on the other side of the road.

Soon the pad of feet announced the approach of another person. He was a Levite—a man who helped the priests at the temple.

The thieves stole everything they could find, even taking the unfortunate traveler’s clothes.
He went and looked at the hurt man, then walked away without helping.

Finally a Samaritan man came along. Jewish people hated Samaritans. People listening to Jesus’ story would not expect a Samaritan to be the hero.

But he was. The Samaritan cared, and stopped to help.

The Samaritan kneeled, and gently put medicine and bandages on the stranger’s wounds. Then he helped the hurt man onto his own donkey.

At a roadside inn, the Samaritan took care of the man all night.

In the morning he paid the innkeeper to care for the traveler until he was well again.
The story ended. Jesus asked, "Who was neighbor to the hurt man?"

The lawyer answered, "His neighbor was the Samaritan who showed mercy."

"Go, and do likewise," Jesus said. A neighbor is anybody in need. We can show love by helping people in need. That pleases God.

The Good Samaritan
A story from God's Word, the Bible, is found in
Luke 10

"The entrance of Your Words gives light."
Psalms 119:130

God knows we have done bad things, which He calls sin. The penalty for sin is death. 
God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a Cross and pay our penalty. 
Jesus came alive and went back to Heaven! Now God can forgive our sins.

If you want to turn from your sins, say this to God: Dear God, I believe Jesus died for me and now lives again. Please come into my life and forgive my sins, so I can have new life now, and then be with You forever. Help me live for You as Your child. Amen. John 3:16

Read the Bible and talk to God every day!