

Go and do likewise!

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# The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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## Who are our neighbors?

**What's the first Bible story** you ever heard? Maybe it was the parable of the Good Samaritan. Do you remember the story? A man was on a trip, and some robbers beat him up, stole his things, and left him there. Two people went by—and they were people you'd expect to help— but they ignored him. Finally a third person came. Even though he was a foreigner and a stranger from Samaria, he did everything he could to help the poor, beaten-up man. This Samaritan saved his life!



Do you know *your* neighbors? Sometimes we do, and sometimes we might not. In the story today, Jesus tells somebody to, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself"! The man answered Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Yes, who *are* our neighbors? Our neighbor is anybody we run into during the day. Sometimes we expect to run into somebody who needs our help, like a friend at school who always asks you for help. Sometimes it's a surprise! But God wants us to be like the Good Samaritan. He wants us to help *anybody* who comes our way. Sometimes we help by praying for somebody. Sometimes we help by giving money or food. Sometimes we help by giving somebody our time. When somebody needs our help, let's ask God to show us the best way. Can you remember that?

# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Army
- Compassion
- Doing
- Follow Christ
- Go and Do
- Martin
- Merciful
- Neighbor
- Parable
- Saint
- Samaritan
- Tours

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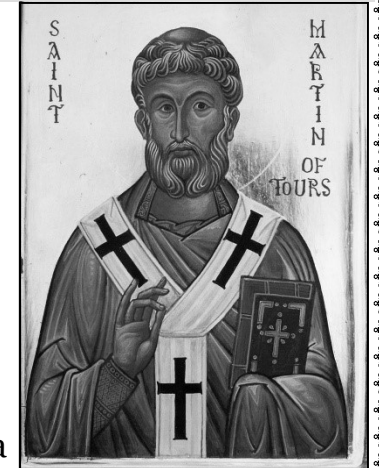
# SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS

## THE MERCIFUL

**When we read today's Gospel** reading, you might think about how you want to "go and do" what the Samaritan did.

On Tuesday, we celebrate a saint who really did "go and do likewise." He followed Christ's command, and he helped his neighbor.

Saint Martin of Tours (France) didn't really want to be a soldier, but his father was in the army, so he had to too. He just wanted to live a quiet life, following Christ. Saint Martin's life wasn't so quiet, but he did follow Christ!



Once, he was on a trip with some other army officers. He saw a poor man, shivering in the cold, and so he gave him his warm cloak. That night he had a dream. Christ was in the dream, and he was wearing the cloak! Saint Martin knew he had done the right thing, so he was baptized as a Christian.

Saint Martin worked in the army, until he felt he could not do it any more. After that, the Church in France needed a bishop, and they chose Martin to be it! Saint Martin wanted to live his quiet life, following Christ, but he didn't get to. He kept following Christ, of course, but he helped lead the Christians in France. St. Martin is called "the merciful" because he always showed mercy to the poor.

**We celebrate St. Martin on Tuesday, November 12th (OC: November 25th).**

# WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here is an icon of Saint Martin. His military uniform looks very fancy, but do you see the coat that he is giving to the poor man?

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