

Modern Samaritan Story (10 mins)

Tell the story, adapting as you wish, without mentioning Jesus' parable of The Good Samaritan.

Use pupils to re-enact story for you, using clues from the story to guide their actions. (Change the gender of any character to suit the pupil volunteers.)

Characters and Props

Mr Lonely 'the Samaritan' - a silly hat plus any other unfashionable prop

Mr Trendy 'the traveller' - trendy baseball cap

The Populars gang 'the robbers' - baseball caps

Mr Business 'the priest' - mobile phone

Mrs Mum 'the Levite' - baby doll

Let me tell you a story. You may have heard something similar to it before, or it may be brand new to you today.

There was once a kid called Mr Lonely. *Mr Lonely stands at the front looking sad.* He had no friends and no one would spend any time with him. I'm not sure why. Maybe it was because he was new to the area. Maybe it was because he looked and dressed like no one they had seen before. Maybe it was just because.

The local kids were very mean to him. Mr Trendy and his gang - The Populars - would often push Mr Lonely around and shove him. *Mr Trendy and the Populars encircle Mr Lonely, pushing and shoving. Remind actors to be gentle when acting!*

No one would stop Mr Trendy and the Populars; they could be as mean as they liked. Mr Lonely would go home every day feeling very sad. *Mr Lonely walks slowly and exits the performance area.*

One day Mr Trendy and the Populars had a falling out. Nobody is too sure what it was about. There was a lot of shoving and words being said. Mr Trendy's cap was knocked off and someone took it. The shoving got angrier and angrier until Mr Trendy was really hurt. He fell to the ground and collapsed. The Populars gang got scared and ran off.

Mr Trendy lay on the ground. Hurt. Still. Was he alive or dead?

A while later Mr Business came along. He was busy talking on his mobile phone. He saw the body of Mr Trendy lying on the ground. And what did he do? *Take a few suggestions from pupils.* Mr Business moved to the other side of the road and hurried on his way.

A while later Mrs Mum came along, with her children. She saw the body of Mr Trendy lying on the ground. And what did she do? *Take a few suggestions from pupils.* Mrs Mum moved to the other side of the road and hurried on her way.

A while later Mr Lonely came along. He saw the body of Mr Trendy lying on the ground. And what did he do? *Take a few suggestions from pupils.* Mr Lonely ran up to Mr Trendy and checked to see how badly he was hurt. He helped him up and took him to his own house. He looked after him. Mr Lonely cleaned him up and put bandages on where Mr Trendy was hurt. He gave him food and drink and a safe place to stay. Mr Lonely even gave Mr Trendy his own hat.

