

# Personal Study Task

## Task

You have to write a blurb!

A blurb can be a piece of writing that you find on the flap or back of a book which tries to summarise the main parts of the text in a few words. You need to try and make your blurb sound dramatic!

An example of a blurb about the Prodigal Son:

*A tale of rebellion, a lost son and a forgiving father, the Prodigal Son is a story which will touch the reader. The dilemmas of a son down on his luck, a father desperate to find his missing son alive and an elder brother who does not feel appreciated. Will any of the three men see their dreams come true or will they live as incomplete people? Read on and find out.*

What the critics say:

'An outrageous, shocking tale of God's love.'

*A disciple*

'The sort of story that has given Jesus a bad name.'

*A Pharisee*

Your task is to write a blurb for the Good Samaritan. You must also give two critics views about this parable. Use the example above to give you ideas of how to write a blurb. A summary of the parable of the Good Samaritan is written below to help you. (If you require the full version of the parable please look it up on the internet or from a Bible.) Present your work attractively!

## **The Parable of the Good Samaritan**

A teacher of the Law came up to Jesus and asked, "The Scriptures say "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind;" and 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself'. But who is my neighbour?" Jesus answered, "there once was a man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attached him, stripped him, and beat him up, leaving him half dead. It so happened that a Priest was going down that road; but when he saw the man, he walked by, on the other side. A religious teacher also came along, went over and looked at the man, and then walked on by, on the other side. But a Samaritan who was travelling that way came upon the man, and when he saw him, his heart was filled with pity. He went over to him, poured oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them; then he put the man on his own animal and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. "Take care of him," he told the innkeeper, "and when I come back this way, I will pay you whatever you spend on him." And Jesus concluded, "In your opinion, which one of these three acted like a neighbour towards the man attacked by the robbers?" The teacher of the Law answered, "the one who was kind to him." Jesus replied, "you go, then, and do the same."