

Name the dish & Match it with its country of origin



Spain

Thailand

Italy

India

Morocco

America

China

Scotland

Japan

England

Mexico

Italy





1. Thailand – Pad Thai
2. America – Cheesecake
3. England – Pie
4. England – Fish and Chips
5. Spain – Paella
6. India – Curry
7. Italy – Risotto
8. America – Cheeseburger
9. Mexico – Burrito
10. Italy – Pizza
11. Morocco – Lamb tagine
12. Scotland – Haggis
13. Japan - Sushi



A vibrant illustration featuring a central globe of the Earth with green continents and blue oceans. Surrounding the globe is a circle of 18 diverse cartoon children, each holding hands with their neighbors. The children are dressed in various traditional and cultural outfits, including a sombrero, a cowboy hat, a headscarf, a feathered headdress, a conical hat, a red jacket, a white headscarf, a red hat, a blue dress, a striped shirt, a red hat, a white headscarf, a red jacket, a conical hat, a red jacket, a white headscarf, a red hat, a blue dress, a striped shirt, and a red hat. The text "THAT'S CALLED THE WORLD'S CULTURES" is written in bold, blue, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the globe.

**THAT'S  
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**CULTURE** IS THE CHARACTERISTICS AND KNOWLEDGE OF A PARTICULAR GROUP OF PEOPLE, ENCOMPASSING LANGUAGE, CUISINE, SOCIAL HABITS, MUSIC AND ARTS.

IN OTHER WORDS, **CULTURE** IS THE WAY OF LIFE OF A GROUP OF PEOPLE

# WHAT IS CULTURE?





# THERE ARE MANY CULTURES IN THE WORLD AND NO CULTURE IS BETTER THAN ANY OTHER!





# EVERY CULTURE CELEBRATES DIFFERENT HOLIDAYS



CHRISTMAS



ST. LUCIA DAY



KWANZAA



ST. NICHOLAS DAY



HANUKKAH

# EVERY CULTURE HAS DIFFERENT TRADITIONS – HERE ARE SOME FUN ONES



IN GREECE A CHILD THROWS A LOST TOOTH ON TO A ROOF FOR GOOD LUCK



JAPANESE CHILDREN COVER THEIR BELLY BUTTONS WHEN THEY HEAR THUNDER



IN INDONESIA PEOPLE POINT WITH THEIR THUMBS

ALL OF THOSE THINGS ARE UNIQUE TO THE CULTURES THAT DO THEM AND ARE A PART OF WHAT MAKES THOSE CULTURES SPECIAL.

RESPECTING OTHER PEOPLE'S CULTURES, TRYING TO LEARN ABOUT THEM, NEVER STEREOTYPING OR MOCKING THEM AND LIVING IN HARMONY WITH THEM IS THE FIRST STEP IN BECOMING A TRUE CHRISTIAN.

*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." John 13:34*



# Love Different Cultures

*"Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord." Hebrews 12:14*





# THE GOOD SAMARITAN

The story of the Good Samaritan might be a very familiar story to you, but it's also a story that needs retelling

*"Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself," Jesus says.*

But what does that mean?

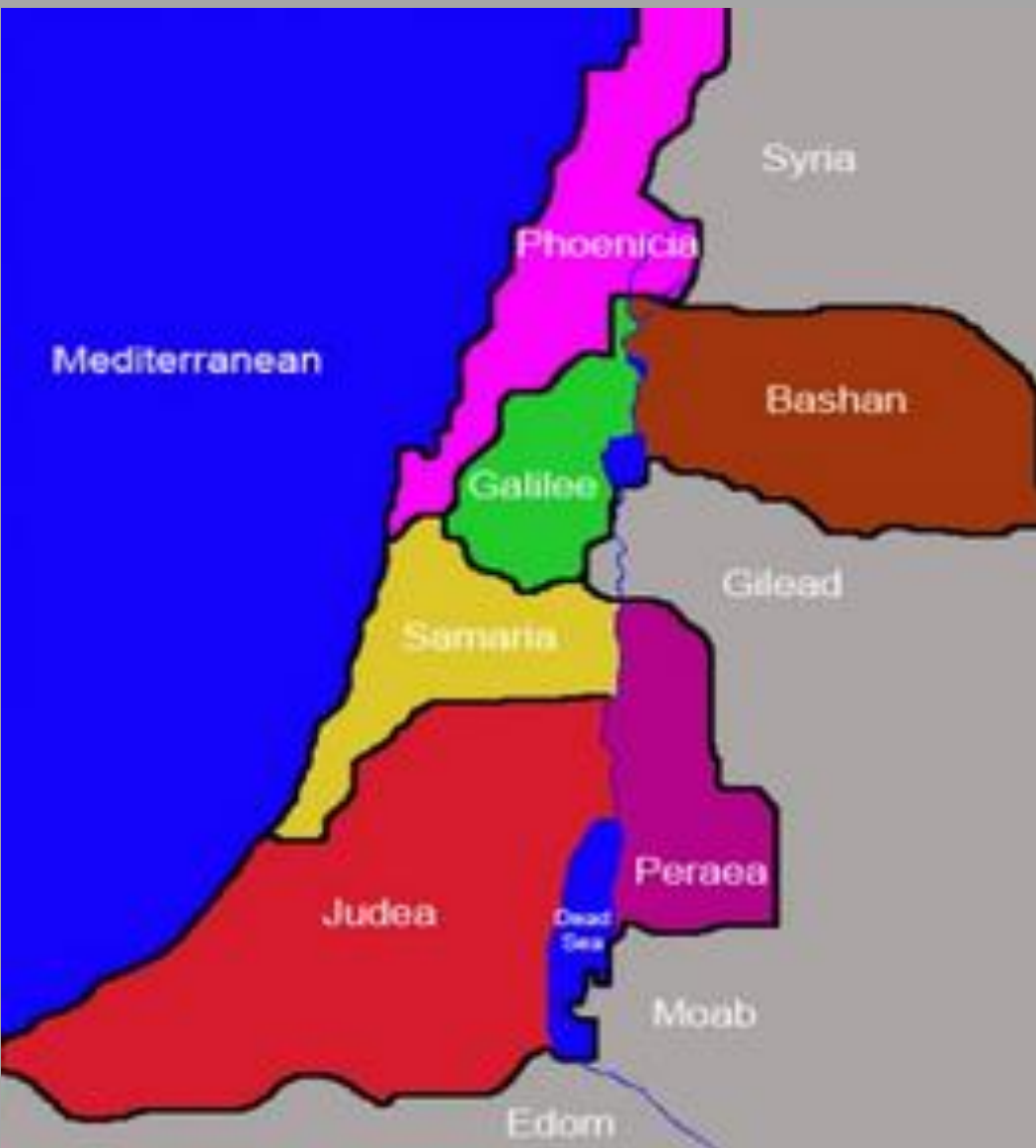
Help others, respect others, go out of your way to love others ... especially those who are hurting, like the man who was beaten up and left for dead.

That's what Jesus says we have to do to inherit eternal life.



# JESUS'S TIME AND CULTURE

## JEWS VERSUS SAMARITANS



But there's another meaning to the story that you might miss if you don't know anything about Jesus' time and his culture.

This story is not just about compassion and helping other people in our community, it's also a story about how God wants us to love and help people from all different cultures. This story teaches us to have compassion for all humans, not just people from our own community, or people that are our friends.

During Jesus' time, many people looked down upon others for having different cultures. For example, the Jews looked down upon Samaritans because they were descendants of Jews who had married people from a different ethnic and religious background.

Jesus was Jewish, the scholar of the law who questioned Jesus was Jewish, and the audience that Jesus told this story to was Jewish. And many Jews looked down upon Samaritans because they came from a different culture and a different religious background.



But the hero of this story is a Samaritan.

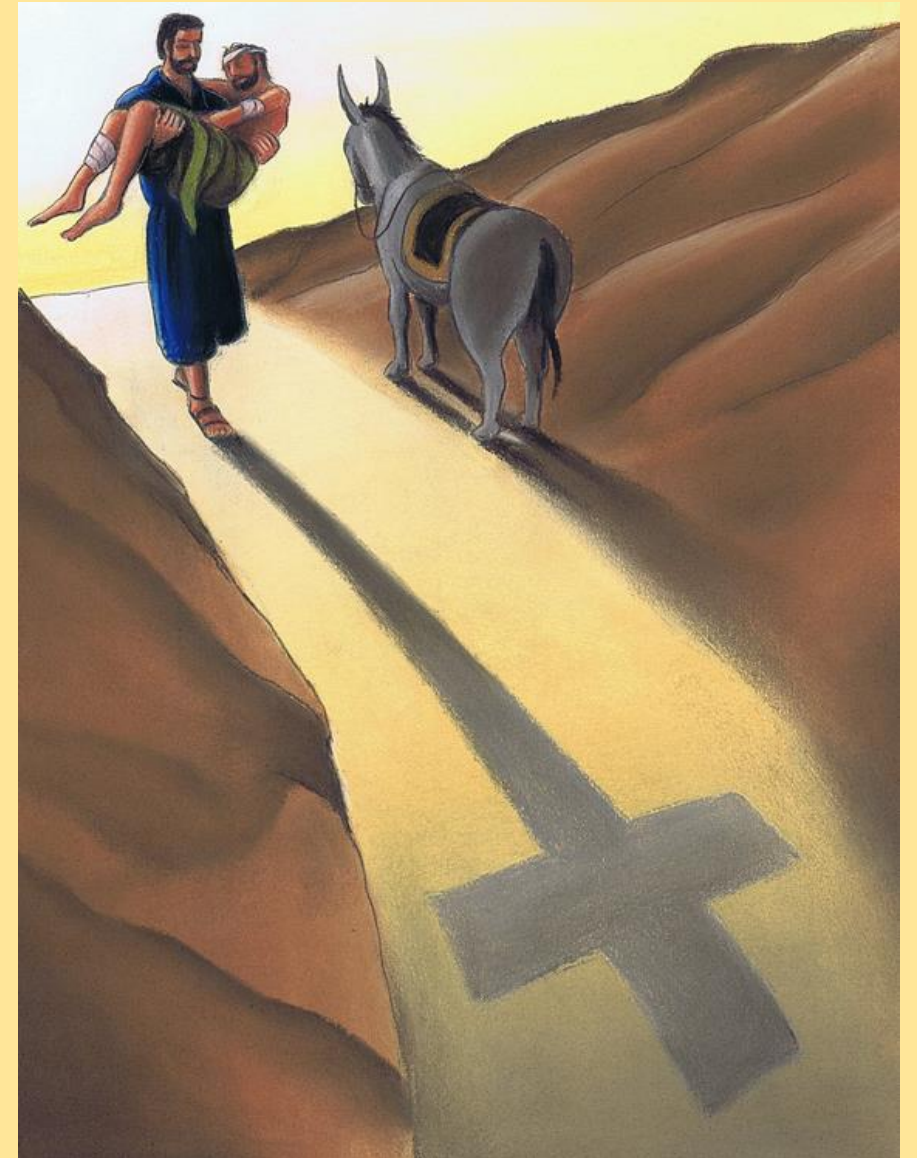
The one despised and judged by many Jewish people, is the one that Jesus hold up as an example and says, "here is the one who is doing what God wants; here is the one who is loving his neighbor."

So this Gospel story is also about loving and respecting all people, especially people who may be different than us.

A different ethnic group, a different race or culture, a different religious background.

At the end of the day, we want to show the love of God to people of all cultures, and we want all people to come to know Jesus Christ.

*"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble" 1 Peter 3:8*



At the time I always thought Jesus was calling me to show love to my next door neighbor. But our neighbor isn't just the person next door.

Our neighbor is the person God has placed right in front us. And no matter how different, how inconvenient or how unexpected, we're asked to love.

The Good Samaritan was willing to cross political, racial, cultural and social barriers and risk prejudices and the fear of the unknown because he saw someone with a need and he had the resources to meet that need.

*"Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27*





There are billions of people that make up this world, all with different cultures and heritages. But that doesn't mean we should treat them differently. God made us all and we are all part of God's creation. We should all help each other, and love each other, for we are all neighbors.

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So I ask you. In your own families, or in your school, or in your community:

- Who are the people that you consider different?
- Are there people you are quick to judge, or that you look at differently because they come from a different ethnic group or culture?
- What does Jesus say to you in the story of the Good Samaritan?
- What is one way you can show the love of Christ to those around you, especially those who are not from your own culture?