



Together in Jesus

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The Trouble With Three Friends

"My cousin Nick is coming for two weeks," Damian said to his best friend, Matt.

Damian was using Matt's road-grader. He pushed it around the huge figure-eight-shaped road he and Matt had made in their sandbox. The sandbox sat in Damian's backyard between his house and Matt's. Each friend had built a big castle in one loop of the figure eight.

"When is your cousin coming?" asked Matt. Matt was hauling rocks up to his castle with Damian's truck.

"Sunday," said Damian. "And I have to take him along all the time."

"But next week we have swimming and day camp and puppets at the library," said Matt.

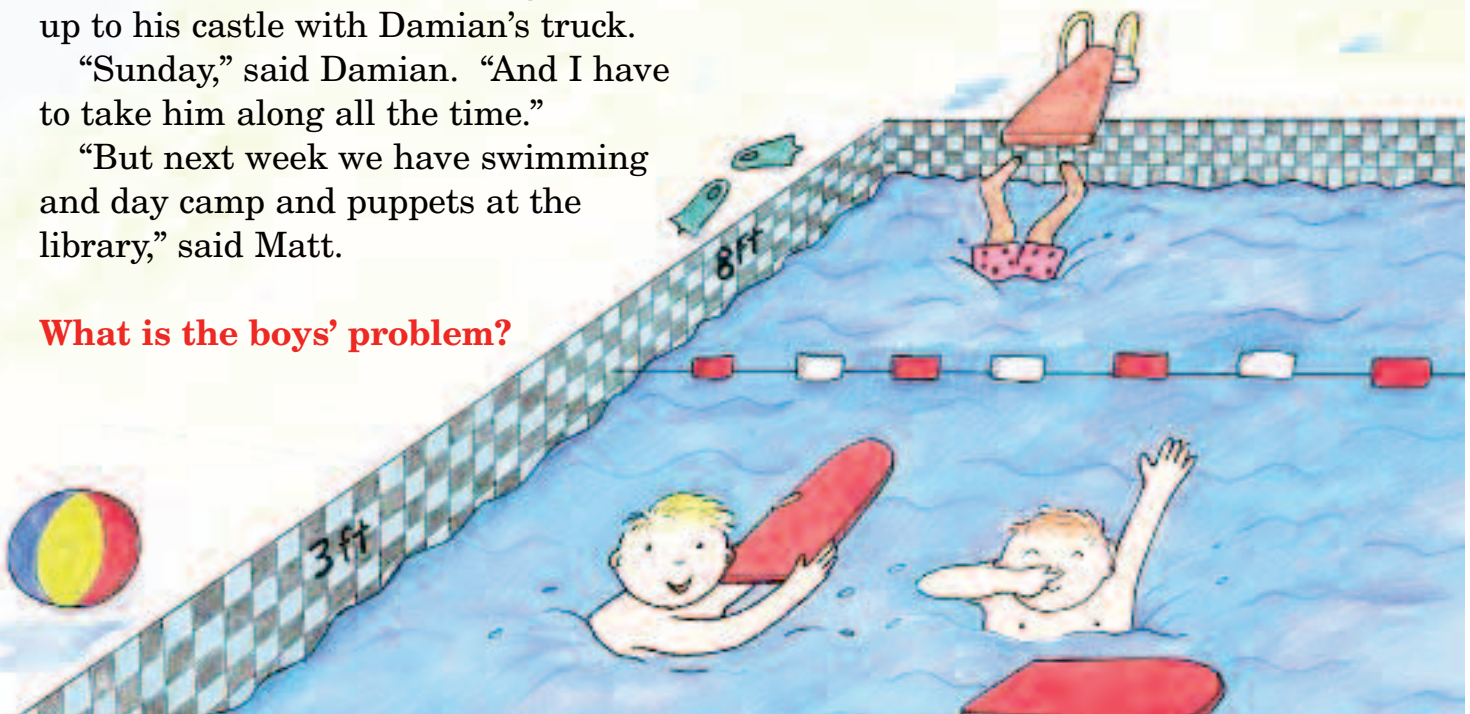
What is the boys' problem?

On Monday Damian chose his cousin Nick as a buddy at swimming. He stayed in the shallow end of the pool with him.

"Maybe I'll learn to swim this week," Nick said to Damian. "I learned to float today."

Once Matt waved and Damian swam to the deep end to see him. They counted to three, dived in, and raced to the rope in the middle of the pool.

**Which actions include Nick?
What actions leave Nick out?**





On Tuesday the day camp group went to the science museum. The three boys climbed on the city bus. Nick found an aisle seat. Matt and Damian found seats across from each other in the row behind him.

“I know what we can do when we get home,” said Matt in a low voice, so Nick couldn’t hear.

“What?” said Damian. He saw Nick turn his head away and look out the bus window.

“We can take our dirt bikes to the big ditch.”

“But that’s a two thing,” said Damian. “Nick doesn’t have a bike here.”

Matt shrugged his shoulders. “Guess there’s not much to do while he’s here.”

Which actions include Nick?

Which leave Nick out?

On Wednesday the boys saw the puppet stage set up when they walked into the library.

“What’s behind the curtain?” asked Nick.

“Nothing,” said Damian. “We make puppets to put on plays.”

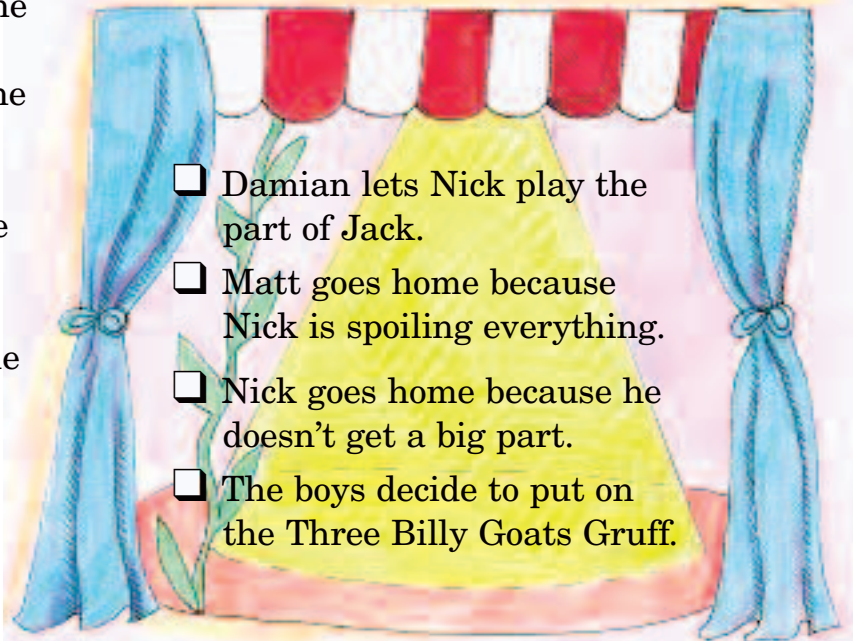
“We’re going to do Jack and the Beanstalk,” said Matt. “We’ve been planning all summer. I’m going to be the giant. Fee, fi, fo, fum.”

“And I’m Jack,” said Damian.

“Who can I be?” said Nick.

Damian looked at Matt. Matt looked at Damian. “There’s Jack’s mother and the goose,” said Damian. “You could be both of them.”

What do you think will happen on Wednesday?



- Damian lets Nick play the part of Jack.
- Matt goes home because Nick is spoiling everything.
- Nick goes home because he doesn’t get a big part.
- The boys decide to put on the Three Billy Goats Gruff.

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How Does Jesus Ask Us to Treat People?

Who am I supposed to love?

Love God with your whole heart and your neighbor as yourself.



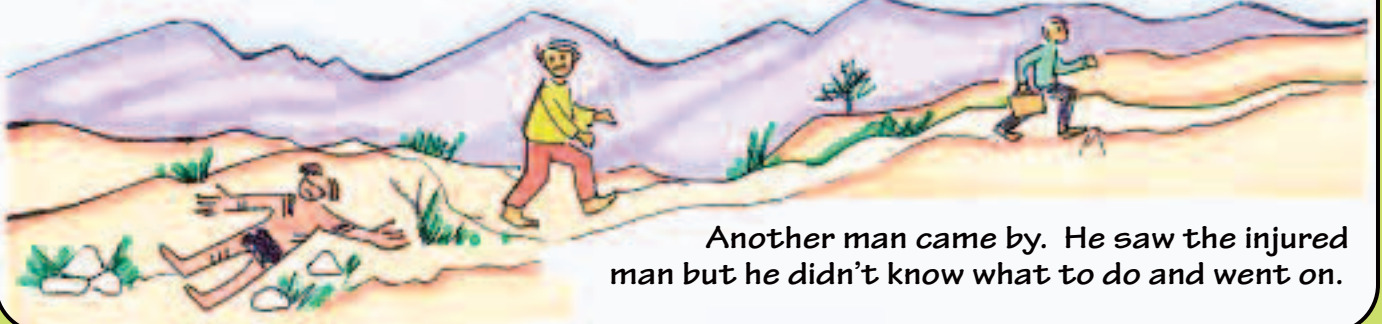
Who is my neighbor?



A man was walking along a road. Robbers beat him up, took his money, and left him for dead.



A man came hurrying along the road. He saw the injured man but did not have time to help and went on.

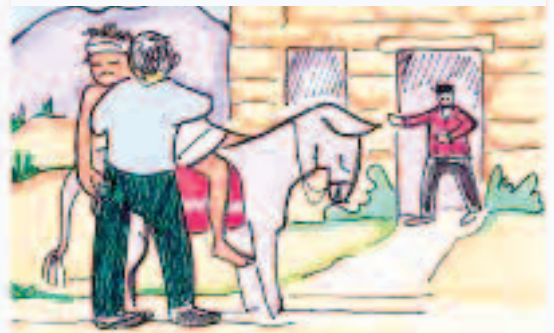


Another man came by. He saw the injured man but he didn't know what to do and went on.



A third man came down the road. He saw the injured man, stopped, and bandaged his wounds.

He took the injured man to an inn and cared for him.



The next day he gave the innkeeper money. "Take care of this man. If it costs more, I will repay you when I come back."



Find the sticker of Jesus' face. Put it here.

Who shows love for the man who was robbed?

Who treats him as a neighbor?

Based on Luke 10:29-37

I Prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation



The Bible tells us a story about the first man and woman.
God commands the man and the woman not to eat from the tree
of the knowledge of good and evil.
But they disobey God. We call this original sin.
This story of the first man and woman tells us about ourselves.
We are born with original sin, which separates us from God.

We are purified from original sin when we receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
But, even after Baptism, we are still free.



We can obey, and we can disobey.
We can help others. We can hurt and harm
others.
We have to learn what is good and what is evil.

Jesus teaches us to love God
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Sometimes we fail. We sin.
We do mean, unloving actions.

Our Church has a sacrament for asking and receiving forgiveness.
This is the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
This Sacrament also has the names Penance and Confession.

We tell a priest we are sorry
for our unloving actions.
God forgives our unloving actions
when we are sorry.
God's love for us is a gift
to help us grow holy as he is.
Our Church calls this gift
sanctifying grace.



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