

The sermon for March 8, 2009 was the
Children's Play: "The Good Samaritan"
Written by John Kuzma; Directed by Janet Ray.

Pastor Betsey Moe introduced the play by reading the following poem.

Thank You, God, For the Good Samaritan!
Based on Luke 10:25-37

There's an inspiring story that Jesus told
About a traveler on a road
Who was beaten, robbed, and left for dead
While religious people by him sped.

Thank you, God, for the Good Samaritan!

Pastor-elder-deacon types
Were the very ones who cringed in fright.
They turned away – imagine that!
Without so much as a tip of the hat.

Thank you, God, for the Good Samaritan!

Thank goodness there was one kind man
(A Samaritan passing through that land)
Who saw the traveler and felt in his heart
That God wanted him to do his part.

Thank you, God, for the Good Samaritan!

He took great measures to help the guy,
Dressing his wounds and lifting him high
Upon his own animal, and as if he were kin,
He paid for his lodging at the nearest inn.

Thank you, God, for the Good Samaritan!

Unfortunately, with times like they are,
It's just too dangerous to go this far
To stop and help some poor old soul
Beaten and helpless on the side of the road.

Thank you, God, for the Good Samaritan!

In Jesus' time, I'm sure risks were lower.
The roads -- less traveled, the camels -- slower.
Nowadays, you have to be on alarm
'Cause the guy in the ditch might do you harm.

Thank you, God, for the Good Samaritan!

For me, I'd rather play it safe
Because I've got kids, for goodness' sake!
I'll leave it to those with more money, more time,
Those who toward compassion are more inclined.

Thank you, God, for the Good Samaritan!

But whenever I hear this story relayed,
I give thanks to God for the people God made
To help those in need – young, old, stinky, clean –
And thank you, O God, that it doesn't have to be me!

Thank you, God, for the Good Samaritan!