

(The CAST reacts.)

Therefore, never set yourself against a man who wrongs you.
So if someone slaps you on the right cheek, turn and offer him
your left.

JUDAS

(reacting as if this is the most ridiculous thing ever heard)
Oh, Jeeeee...

*(A CAST MEMBER claps a hand over JUDAS' mouth.
JESUS turns to look at him, then approaches JUDAS as the
others chant.)*

ALL

Slowly I turn, step by step, inch by inch...

*(JESUS slaps JUDAS across the face. The OTHERS gasp
and JUDAS angrily raises his hand to strike back. He
freezes with his hand in the mid-air. Looking at his hand,
he suddenly turns it into a "telephone" and pretends to get
a call.)*

JUDAS

Hello.

(pretends to listen; then to JESUS)

It's for you... It's your father. He says "you've just won tickets
to The Good Samaritan Show!"

SCENE FOUR

*(JESUS and JUDAS smile at each other and hug. The
others set up for the "show." During the following, the
story is acted out in an imaginative theatrical way with
different actors, playing the roles.)*

SAMARITAN NARRATOR

A man was on his way from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he
fell in among robbers who beat him, stripped him, and left,
leaving him half-dead. It so happened that a priest came upon
him, but when he saw him he went past on the other side. So,
too, a judge came to the place and saw him and went past on
the other side. But, a Samaritan who was making the journey
came upon him, and when he saw him, was moved to pity. He
went up and bandaged his wounds, bathing them in oil and
wine. Then he put him onto his own beast, brought him to

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an inn, and looked after him there. The next day he produced two pieces of silver and gave them to the innkeeper and said, "Look after him, and if you spend any more, I will repay you on my way back."

(Those who acted out the story bow.)

JESUS

Now – you have learned that they were told, "Love your neighbor, hate your enemy." But what I tell you is this...

(During the above, two CAST MEMBERS have begun fighting over a prop from "The Good Samaritan Show." Their argument becomes intrusive enough to interrupt JESUS. The others start to take sides so that soon all are fighting. JESUS has to shout to be heard above the noise.)

Love, love, love, love your enemies.

(All freeze in place.)

And pray for your persecutors.

CAST MEMBER

(indicating the person he or she has been fighting with)
You don't mean...?

JESUS

I do! Only so can you be called Children of your Heavenly Father.

(The CAST begins "making up" with their enemies in a general love-fest that gradually gets noisier in an ostentatious display of how much they "love" one another. As this is occurring, JESUS tries to continue his lesson.)

If you greet only those who greet you, what reward can you expect? And if you love only those who love you, what is there extraordinary in that? No, your goodness must know no bounds, just as your Heavenly Father's goodness knows no limit.

(By now, the "love-fest" has become so noisy, JESUS must get their attention by making a large noise with a prop or set piece. All fall silent and turn to look at him.)