

The Sheep & the Goats

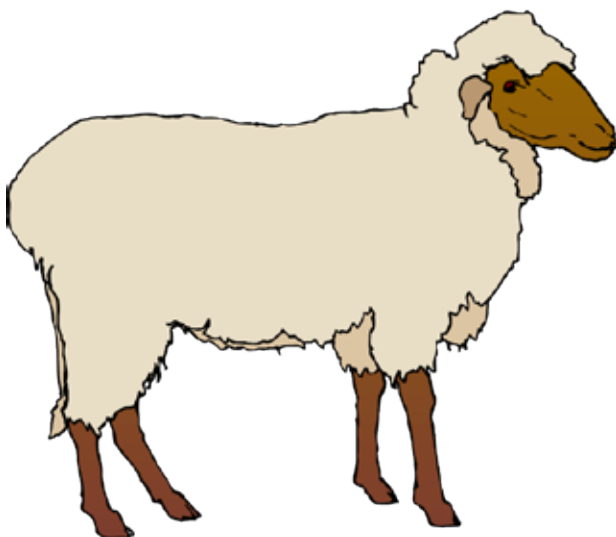
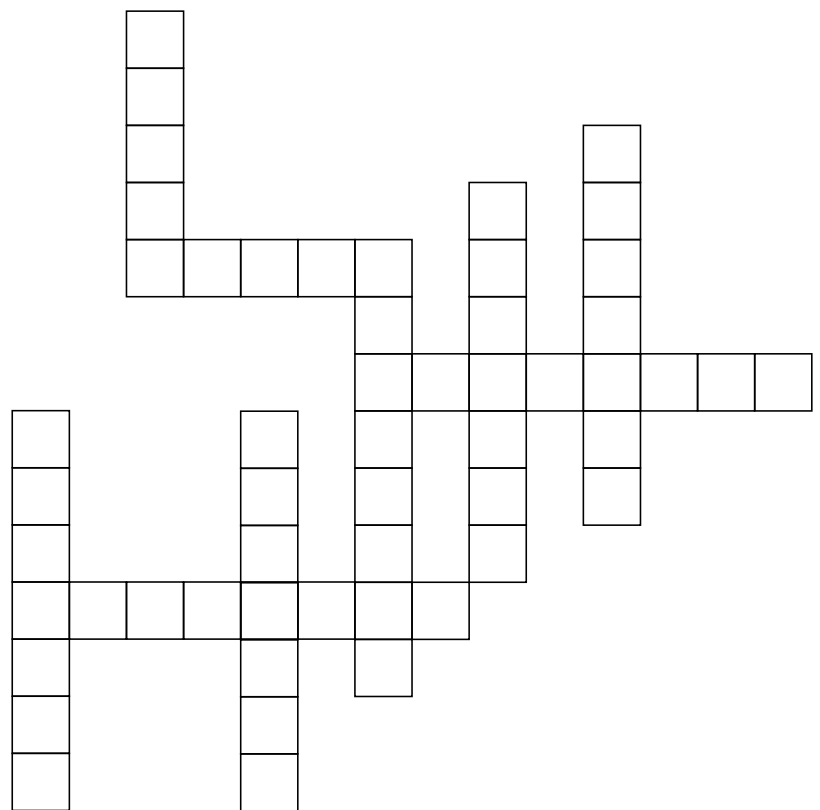
Matthew 25:31-46

Use the **green** words from the text below to complete the crossword puzzle.
Then answer the question at the bottom.

It is said that the Son of man will sit on a throne of glory with angels surrounding him. The nations will gather before him and he will separate them - like a shepherd separates his sheep and **goats**. The Son of man will put the sheep in his right hand and the goats in his left hand.

The King will tell the **sheep** to come and enjoy the kingdom, "For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in. Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye **visited** me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me." The sheep will ask when they did those things for the King. The King will reply that anytime the sheep helped their neighbor in those ways, they were actually helping the King.

Turning to the goats, the King will be angry and say, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was **thirsty**, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye **clothed** me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not." The goats will be confused and insist they never saw the King needing help. The King will say that when you ignore your **neighbor** in need, you ignore the King. Therefore, the sheep will be **rewarded** with life **eternal** and the goats will be **punished** forever more.



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According to the parable, why is it important to help someone in need?
