

The Good Neighbor
An Interactive Puppet Play
(a modernized Good Samaritan story)
by Connie Dunn

Characters (18 characters – 1 Narrator, 1 Victim, 1 Good Neighbor, 1 Rescue Llama, and 14 passersby):

Connie	Stella Turkey (the narrator)
Erin	Gomer Crow (the victim)
Erin	Mongo Orangutan (the good neighbor)
Marquis	Lucy Llama (Emergency Llama)
Robert G	Bobbie Frog (passerby)
Karen G	Blues Jay Bird (passerby)
Tony	Bubba Bear (passerby)
Sam	Donquihote [Dawn-kee-ho-tee](passerby)
Kathryn G	Dora Duck (passerby)
Helena	Fancy Dragon (passerby)
Erin	Emily Sheep (passerby)
Georgianna	Ms. Georgia Possum (passerby)
Caitlin	Hunny Bee (passerby)
Tracey	Leona Coyote (passerby)
Maggie G	Penny Porcupine (passerby)
Rita	Raquel Raccoon (passerby)
Mikayla	Spot Dawg (passerby)
Ella	Sweetie Siamese (passerby)

Setting: On a road in Somewhere, USA.

Narrator – Stella Turkey

Hello, I'm Stella Turkey, your turkey narrator...uh...I mean, I'm a turkey and I'm your narrator. But to tell this story, I'm going to need some help. Can you say: "Will somebody help?"

(pause for response)

You can say that louder. Let's try it again.

(pause for response)

That's better! I'll tell you when to say it, okay?

(pause for response)

This story takes place on the road to Somewhere, USA. Gomer Crow was just walking along, when a group of very bad birds – bullies – attacked Gomer.

Gomer Crow (the victim)

Shi-zam, Shi-zam, Shi-zam! Is anyone out th-th-there? I've f-f-fallen and I c-c-can't g-g-get up. C-c-can someone help? I n-n-need a hug!

Narrator

Okay this is your part: (kids say:) "Will somebody help?"

Emily Sheep

Ohmigawd? Like what happened to you?

Gomer Crow

I was j-j-just w-w-walking d-d-down th-th-this r-r-road to Somewhere and th-the-these b-b-bully b-b-birds c-c-came out of n-n-nowhere and attacked m-m-me! Shi-zam! Shi-zam! Shi-zam!

Emily Sheep

Ohmigawd! Like I just can't handle all that stress. I've to do my hair and my nails. Like whatever!

Narrator:

And Emily Sheep kept right on walking!

(points to children – "Will somebody help?")

Spot Dawg

(Pant, pant) Say! What happened to you?

Gomer Crow

Shi-zam, Shi-zam, Shi-zam! Some b-b-bad b-b-birds attacked m-m-me!

Spot Dawg

(Sniff, Sniff) You don't smell right! I'm outta here!

Narrator

And Spot Dawg kept right on walking!

(points to children – "Will somebody help?")

Hunny Bee

(Buzz, Buzz) Zso, what's up?

Gomer Crow

B-b-bully b-b-birds. Help? Hug? P-p-please? Shizam! I j-just n-n-need a hug!

Hunny Bee

(Buzz, Buzz) Zsorry, busy!

Narrator

And Hunny Bee buzzed on down the road.

(points to children – “Will somebody help?”)

Donquihote

Hee-haw! What’s wrong?

Gomer Crow

B-b-birds attacked. I f-f-fell and c-c-can’t g-g-get up.

Donquihote

Hee-haw! I can’t help! I’ve got business down the road.

Narrator

And Donquihote just kept walking

(points to children – “Will somebody help?”)

Penny Porcupine

What’s up with you?

Gomer Crow

Shizam! Shizam! Shizam! I’m hurt. C-c-can y-y-you help m-m-me? I f-f-fell and c-c-can’t g-get up!

Penny Porcupine

I don’t think so!

Narrator

And Penny Porcupine went on down the road.

(children – “Will somebody help?”)

Bobby Frog

(Ribbit, Ribbit) What’s wrong with you?

Gomer Crow

I n-n-need a hug! B-b-bully b-b-birds hurt m-m-me!

Bobby Frog

(Ribbit, Ribbit) Sorry, catching flies!

Narrator

And Bobby Frog hopped on down the road.

(children – “Will somebody help?)

Leona Coyote

(Howl!) What’s wrong with you? Why are you just laying on the side of the road?

Gomer Crow

I f-f-fell and I c-c-can’t g-g-get up! Shizam! Shizam! Shizam! B-b-bully b-b-birds attacked m-m-me!

Leona Coyote

I’m expected at an important meeting! I can’t help you! (Howl!)

Narrator

And Leona Coyote got on her way to Somewhere.

(children – “Will somebody help?)

Dora Duck

(Quack, Quack) Why are you here?

Gomer Crow

Ohhh! I’m d-d-dying! W-w-will you g-g-give m-m-me a hug. W-w-will you help m-m-me?

Dora Duck

(Quack!) I can’t help you. (Quack!) I can’t get involved!

Narrator

And Dora Duck waddled off.

Fancy Dragon

(Cough! Cough!) I can’t help, I’ve got the flu!

Narrator

And Fancy Dragon coughed right on by.

Blues Jay Bird

I’m singing the blues for you… Hey, you! What are you doing here?

Gomer Crow

Shizam! I’m hurt. C-c-can you help me?

Blues Jay Bird

I’d like to help! But I got a Blues gig to sing!

Narrator
And Blues Jay Bird flew off singing the blues.

Bubba Bear
(Growl!) You don't look so good!

Gomer Crow
C-c-can you help?

Bubba Bear
(Growl) Help yourself!

Narrator
And Bubba Bear went on his way.

(children – “Will somebody help?)

Sweetie Siamese
(Meow) What's wrong?

Gomer Crow
Shizam! I n-n-need a hug. Th-th-those b-b-bullies hurt m-m-me.

Sweetie Siamese
(Meow) No! You're a stranger!

Narrator
And Sweetie Siamese continued down the road.

Ms. Georgia Possum
(to her daughter on her back) Don't look at that critter, Julie. He's a stranger. (to Gomer Crow) What are you doing lying on the side of the road, crow?

Gomer Crow
Th-th-those b-b-bully b-b-birds hurt m-m-me! C-c-can you help m-m-me?

Ms. Georgia Possum
No, Mr. Crow. I have a child to protect. I'm too busy to help you.

Narrator
And Ms. Georgia Possum took her daughter on down the road .

(children – “Will somebody help?)

Raquel Raccoon
(to herself) Out here alone...probably up to no good...give this one lots of room.

Gomer Crow

C-c-come on over here. Shizam! I j-j-just n-n-need a hug!

Narrator

And quickly Raquel Racocon scooted on down the road.

(children – “Will somebody help?)

Mongo Orangutan

Whup, there it is; you poor thing. What happened to you

Gomer Crow

Shizam! Shizam! Shizam! Oh, p-p-please help m-m-me! Th-th-there’s b-b-been so m-m-many who have p-p-passed m-m-me and n-n-not even t-t-tried t-t-to help. A b-b-big b-b-bunch of b-b-bully b-b-birds attacked m-m-me. I n-n-need a hug!

Mongo Orangutan

Oh, poor little baby. I’ll help you. I’ll hold your little wing while someone comes to help. Let me whip out my cell phone. Don’t worry about a thing! Mongo’s here to help!

(to phone) Hello 9-1-1. I’ve gotta poor little crow out here on the road to Somewhere. Send out your best! I’ll put it on my credit card. Okay?

Lucy Llama

What’s the problem?

Gomer Crow

I’m hurt b-b-bad. I f-f-fell and I c-c-can’t g-g-get up. Shizam! Some b-b-bully b-b-birds g-g-got m-m-me. I n-n-need a hug. W-w-won’t anybody g-g-give m-m-me a hug?

Lucy Llama

Hold your feathers there! I’m Lucy Llama, the emergency llama. I’ve got it all under control. I’ll get you taken care of.

Narrator

And Gomer Crow finally got help, thanks to Mongo Orangutan who not only called to get him help. She paid for the services. Mongo was a good neighbor. Will you be?