

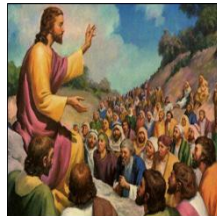
What can Christian parables teach us?



This Religious Education unit about Christian Parables, follows on from previous studies of bible stories in Year 2. This unit will deepen the children's understanding of Christianity. They will learn about the importance of the teachings of Jesus for Christians, as well as the important messages in the parables. The children will get the opportunity to retell, discuss, act out and explain parables. The children will also meet our local Vicar from our local church, hear his favourite parables and have an opportunity to write their own story with a message and share them with him.

Key knowledge

- Jesus (also known as Jesus Christ or Jesus of Nazareth) was a preacher and religious leader who told his stories and the message of God. He had many followers.
- Jesus is the central figure of Christianity. Jesus was born a Jew, but his followers went on to begin Christianity in his name (Christ)
- Parables: The Good Samaritan, The Lost sheep, Workers in the Vineyard.
- The key messages in Christian parables: being a good neighbour, be generous, everyone is important, forgiveness.
- The parables come from scriptures in the Christian bible.
- Jesus preached wherever people could gather together. He taught through performing miracles and the telling of short stories with important messages, called parables.



Links with other religions

Each faith places great value on how we treat each other and has teachings about the importance of dealing rightly with other people.

The principle to treat others as we would wish to be treated ourselves is sometimes called the Golden Rule.

Key Vocabulary

Parable - Story told by Jesus with a deeper moral meaning that teaches Christians about God and how to behave towards others

Samaritan - a charitable or helpful person

Moral - a lesson of how people should behave or know right from wrong

Generosity - the quality of being kind and generous

Neighbour - any person in need of someone's help or kindness

Jesus - the name of the man who Christians believe was the son of God

Gospel—the teachings and actions of Jesus

Personal Reflection

What does generosity and kindness mean to you?

How are you kind and helpful to people?

What are the messages in the parables?

What can Christian parables teach us in our lives?

Which people guide you in your life?

How do people guide you in your life? What is 'good guidance'?

What message does God give Christians at Christmas?



This Religious Education unit follows on from previous studies of the Nativity story in KS1. This unit will deepen the children's understanding of the message that God gives to Christians at Christmas and why Christmas matters to Christians. They will learn about the importance of Advent, Jesus' birth and the shepherds and kings who visited him. As well as the important symbols and messages in the Christmas story. The children will also learn about the joy of giving and helping those in need.

Key Knowledge

- Christians believe that Jesus is the son of God and that he was born in Bethlehem
- Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus on 25th December (Christmas Day)
- Jesus (also known as Jesus Christ) was a preacher and religious leader
- The Bible says that Jesus' birth showed that he was extraordinary and that he came to bring good news
- Christians believe that Christmas is a time for giving and is also a time to remember people in need
- Advent for Christians is a time for getting ready for Jesus' coming
- In the Christmas story there are lots of important symbols that shows that his birth was a special event
- Christians sing Christmas carols which have lyrics bringing the Christmas message
- A church is a building designed for Christian worship. It is decorated in a special way for advent and Christmas.



Links with other religions

Hanukkah is a winter Jewish festival which is celebrated by giving gifts, special foods and customs, and remember God giving gifts to his people.

Muslims believe Jesus is a messenger of Allah (God).

Many religions use symbols to represent their beliefs.

Key Vocabulary

Incarnation — The Christian belief that Jesus is God in a human form

Wise men/Magi — Men of great learning

Gold — A yellow precious metal

Frankincense — A scent used in incense and perfume

Myrrh — A natural resin used in medicine, incense and perfume

Carol — A religious song or hymn usually associated with Christmas

Messiah — This is a title given to the person believed to be the saviour. Christians believe that the Messiah was sent by God to save humans

Worship — Love and devotion shown to a holy being or an object

King Herod — A king in Judea



Personal Reflection

Who is important in your life?

Which gift would you like to receive that costs nothing?

What is the kindest act you have done to someone? Or someone has done to you?

What is the message for Christians at Christmas?