

The Parables Jesus told (Key Stage 1)

This learning Pack has been produced by the Methodist Church Religious Education Resources Project for children in Key Stage 1 who are studying the RE Units 1.2, or 1.3 of the current Agreed Redbridge RE Syllabus about Jesus and stories. It can be issued to children at home due to the coronavirus restrictions or used as classroom worksheets. Children can read through it on their own or together with parents, thinking about the questions in red and maybe respond back to a teacher.

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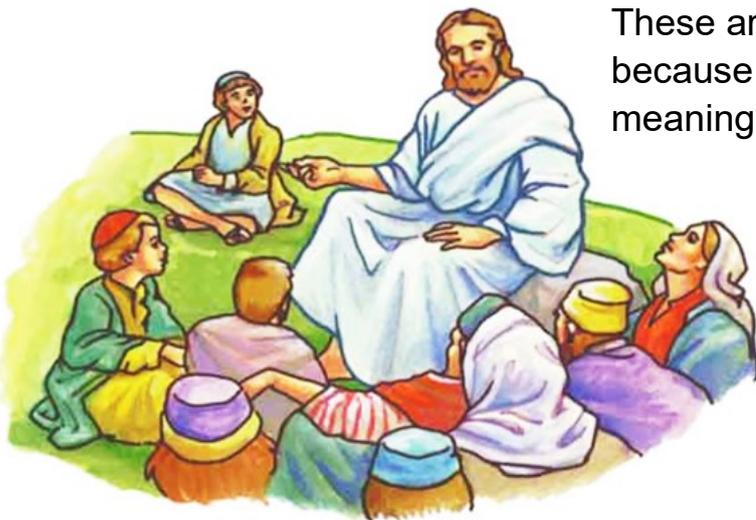
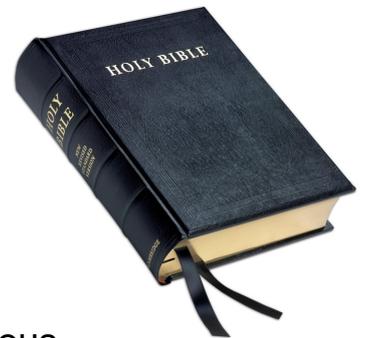
My name is Carol Dawson and I work for the Methodist Churches in Ilford speaking to children about my religion, Christianity. I might normally be coming into your classroom now to talk about the parables Jesus told but I am sending this to you so you can learn about it at home instead. I have included some questions in red. You can share your ideas or answer the questions by emailing your teacher who can pass them onto me .

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Learning about the Parables Jesus told (KS1)

In the Bible, the holy book Christians use, Jesus tells stories which have a lesson for us to learn at the end.



These are called parables because of the special religious meaning of the lesson to be learnt.

Jesus used parables to teach people about God and how to live because it is easy to remember a story and imagine yourself in it.

In the Bible there are over 30 parables Jesus told to teach people about God.

Here is a parable Jesus told

The Parable of the Two House Builders



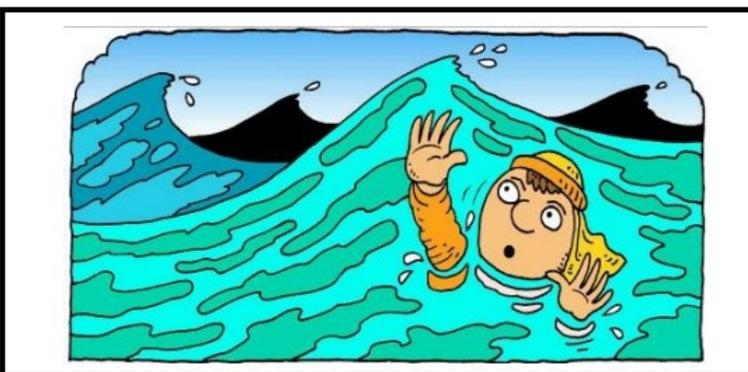
There was a good builder. He looked for a rock to build a house on. He wanted the house to be strong. It was hard work.



The other builder didn't work hard to make his house strong. It was easier to build on sand. He was in a hurry to get finished.



A big storm came. It rained and rained. The water got deeper and deeper and crashed against the houses.



The water rushed past the house built on the sand. All the sand washed away. That house fell down.



But the heavy rain and the rushing water did not move the house on the rock. The builder knew his house was safe.



This was a story Jesus told to teach us something important. Following Jesus is like having a safe rock to trust.



Jesus said listen to my words and you will be strong like a house built on the rock.

Does this parable always have this meaning?



A parable can have many meanings . Some people say this parable means you should have strong faith built on a good foundation of loving God. Others say it means you should prepare well before you do anything.

What do you think?

Follow this link to learn about the parable of **the Good Samaritan**.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yq3g3ZNf9-c>

It is a very famous parable and you may have heard it before. It is about a Samaritan man who helps a traveller who has been robbed, even though he did not know him.



What do you think is the message of this parable?

There are a lot more parables in the Bible. These YouTube links will tell you more and include some stories for you to watch.

Parable of the Sower

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6LwEW8jX9A>

Parable of the lost Sheep

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=094upaf4BME>

I hope you have enjoyed finding out about the parables of Jesus. There is a lot we can learn from them about how we should live today.

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