

Unit 5.3: Jesus the Teacher

Key Questions:

Why did Jesus tell this story?

What can we learn from this story?

How does this story help us to understand Christian beliefs?

How does this story impact on the lives of believers?

Christian Concepts:

Gospel: (The good news about Jesus - God coming to earth; Jesus taking the punishment for people's sin by dying on the cross; Jesus making it possible for people to be friends with God again and giving them a place in Heaven for ever.)

Kingdom of God: (Where God is King and reigns over everything.)

Key Vocabulary:

Imagery: Visually descriptive or figurative language.

Kingdom of God: The rule of Jesus Christ on earth; The blessing and advantages that flow from living under Christ's rule; The subjects of this kingdom, or the Church.

Parable: A simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson.

Christian Value:

Wisdom

Key Bible Verses:

Jesus' teaching explains Christian beliefs and makes an impact on people's lives.

Matthew 18:23-35 (The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant)

' "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Mark 12:41-44 (The Widow's Gift)

⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

Jesus' parables are stories with a strong message. What is God's Kingdom like and what would life on earth be like if it mirrored His Kingdom?

