

Yr.3 Spring (1) WHAT STORIES DID JESUS TELL? (2.25)

AT1 2:3 about stories of the lives of key religious people, the significance of these in their own lives and in the lives of believers today; AT2 2:25 examples of the ways in which personal and religious beliefs may influence their behaviour and that of others.

L. O. To show that Jesus used parables to show what God was like.

Expected Outcomes: the chn will:-

- be able to explain what a parable is
- know that Jesus used parables to explain what God was like
- understand that Christians believe God loves everyone

Intro: Today we are going to be thinking about Jesus and some of the things he did and said. Jesus used parables to explain what God was like and today we are going to hear one of those parables. Explain that a parable is a story with a hidden meaning-almost like a secret message contained in a story. You need to listen to the story, parable and see if you can work out the hidden meaning!

Read the story of the prodigal (lavish) son. (DLTK version or Storyteller's Bible-The Big Spender P.94)

In talking partners: Ask:- "How does the father feel?" at various points in the story. And: "What would be the worst possible job the son could get today?"

Who can tell me what the hidden meaning of this story is?

Why do you think Jesus told this story?

To do:

In small groups, at tables, look at the A3 pictures of the son leaving his father. Fill in a thought bubble for the father. Add a speech bubble post-it note for what the father might be saying to his son as he leaves.

Show various images including The Prodigal Son by Rembrandt.

Show the worksheet picture of the son with the pigs; what might he be thinking? Ask chn to draw a picture of the son's return to his home.

Complete the sentence 'Jesus told this parable to show...'

Plenary:

Who can tell me what a parable is?

Why did Jesus tell this story?

What have you learned about God today?