



Year: 5
Term: Summer 1

KINGDOM OF GOD 2b.8 What kind of king do Christians believe that Jesus was?

Prior Knowledge

Children know that parables are stories that Jesus told (Y4, Y5).
Children know that Christians believe that Jesus teaches them to follow him (Y2,3,4)
Christians believe that God’s love is eternal and that Heaven is eternal too (Y5).

Key Knowledge

- Know that stories within the Bible that Jesus told are called ‘parables.’ Parables are stories with a ‘Jesus’ message (or Earthly stories with a heavenly message).
- Christians believe that Jesus is a king who came to Earth to make sure people can live in Heaven and make Earth more like heaven. Jesus’ ‘Kingdom of God’ parables and their meanings explore more about these ideas.
- Jesus told many parables about the Kingdom of God. These suggest that God’s rule has begun, through the life, teaching and example of Jesus, and subsequently through the lives of Christians who live in obedience to God.
- The parables prophesise that there will be a future kingdom where God’s reign will be complete.
- The Kingdom is compared to a feast where all are invited to join in. Not everyone chooses to do so (The Feast - Luke 14:12–24)
- Jesus wants Christians to know that while the invitation is for everyone, but people have to accept the invitation to be with Him at the banquet/feast.
- Many Christians try to extend the Kingdom of God by challenging unjust social structures in their locality and in the world.
- When Jesus came to Earth, it was not the priests or the holy, religious people who welcomed him, but the common people and the outsiders.
- Christians believe The parable of The Tenants in the Vineyard (Matthew 21: 33–46) shows how God is forgiving but that we must accept His son Jesus to have eternal life in heaven with Him. The chief priests were Jesus’ enemies — they were jealous because he was so popular, and disagreed with him about religion.
- Many non-Christians aswell as Christians try to bring social justice to the world in ways such as: helping people in prison, organising projects for the local community, helping children who are in trouble, projects to give refugees a better chance in life, raising funds to send aid for people in a part of the world stricken by a disaster, projects to reduce , events for people in the local area from all religions, providing for children who haven’t got enough money to go on holiday.

Key Enquiry Lines

- To understand that Jesus told parables so that Christians knew/know how to live
- To understand that the Kingdom of God is compared to a feast which all people are invited to.
- To understand that many Christians extend the Kingdom of God by challenging unjust structures in society

Key Question

What kind of king do Christians believe that Jesus was?

Key Vocabulary

Gospel, Parables, disciple, neighbour