

L.O. describe two distinguishing
features of a parable

Which of these statements make us stop and think the most?
Rate them from 1-10.

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.

Great things never came from comfort zones.

The things you take for granted, someone else
is praying for.

When life gives you lemons, make lemonade!

If you can't beat 'em, join 'em!

All things grow with love.

These statements make people stop and think due to their meaning.
Jesus' actions certainly made people stop and think, the that stories he told,
called 'parables', did the same — they are stories with meanings that might be
hard to work out.

Jesus' teachings were characterised by memorable stories (parables) and sayings. Jesus was an expert in storytelling.

These stories often seized the imagination of the listener and made explicit the point that Jesus was trying to convey. He was very good at linking his parables to the everyday life experiences of his listeners. This is what made them memorable.

Often Jesus' parables allowed the listener to think for themselves and encouraged them to work out what God was saying to them personally, in their own particular circumstances in life.

The majority of Jesus' parables are of or about the Kingdom of God. However there are many more that refer to behaviour; how to treat others.

What parables are we already familiar with?

Jot them down on a piece of paper!

This picture
has lots of
parables
hidden within
it.

I wonder
how many
you can
spot...



Write them
down on the
worksheet.

You can
draw arrows
and label the
ones you
spot.

Jesus as the healer.

Jesus not only spreading good news BUT he IS the good news!

The Lost Sheep.



Jesus turning water into wine.

Jesus washing the disciples feet.

Jesus and the feeding of the 5000.

Jesus and the fishermen.

At the bottom of your worksheet, write down
the definition of a parable.

What is a parable?

A parable is...

a memorable story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, as told by Jesus in the Gospels. Jesus' parables allowed the listener to think for themselves and encouraged them to work out what God was saying to them

Next step:

Thinking back to the beginning of the lesson, we looked at different statements which made us stop and think, e.g.

‘When life gives you lemons, make lemonade!’

What might Jesus have said to make people stop and think?

Create your own statement and write it on the back of your worksheet.