

# PARABLES & SAYINGS OF JESUS



# Know that Jesus taught his disciples about God's Kingdom through parables and sayings.

Jesus often used metaphors to explain the invitation that he was offering the people to share in his life and in the life of God the Father.

But now, O Lord, You are our Father, **We are the clay, and You our potter**; And all of us are the work of Your hand.

The Lord **is my shepherd**, I shall not want.

Jesus said to them, '**I am the bread of life**'; he who comes to me will not hunger, and he who believes in me will never thirst.'

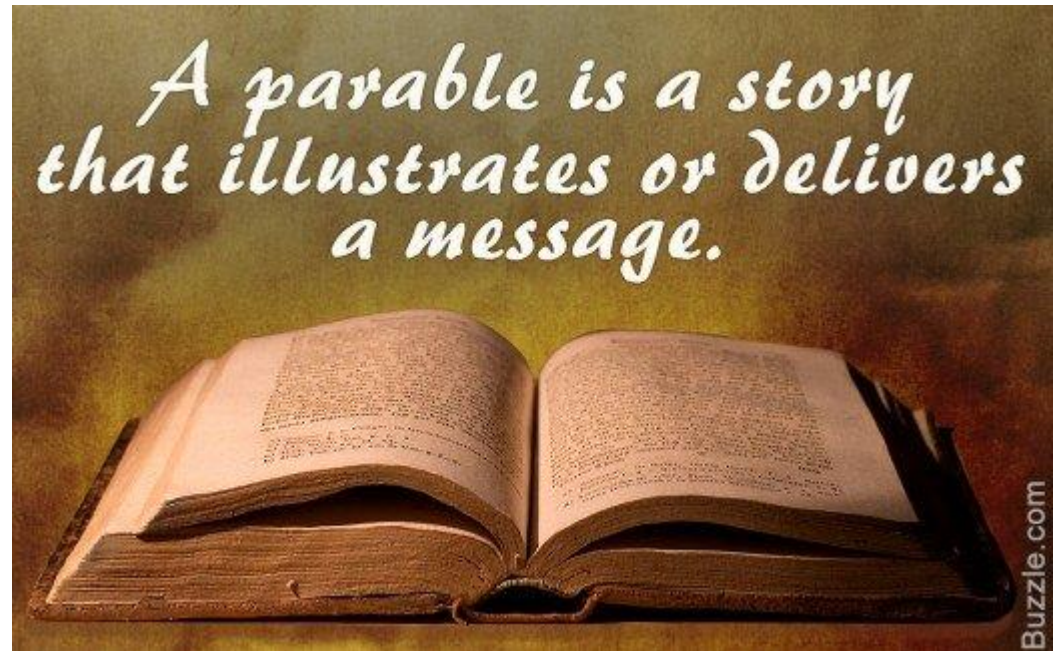
Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, '**I am the Light of the world**'; he who follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.'

**I am the vine; you are the branches**. If you remain in me and I in you, **you will bear much fruit**; apart from me you can do nothing.

# What are parables?

A parable is a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, as told by Jesus in the Gospels.

What parables can you remember?



## Research TASK:

I would like you to research 3 or 4 parables that you know about. Read them and explain what the message might be in your own words.

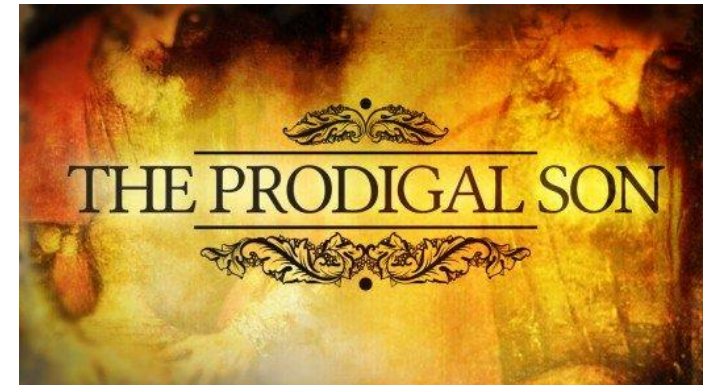
The Parable Of The Vine & The Branches John

Parable of the faithful Servant

Parable of the Lost Sheep

Parable of the Persistent Widow

Any others?



# Task: my example to help

<u>Parables (brief notes)</u>	<u>The message might be:</u>
<p><b><u>The Lost Sheep</u></b></p> <p>Jesus told a story about a shepherd who had a hundred sheep. He lost one of them and went searching high and low until he found it. What's one little lamb when there are 99 others?</p> <p>Yet the shepherd knew it was missing and sought it out – it was important to him.</p>	<p>Jesus wanted us to know that God cares for us and He will not let us wander and stray away. Sometimes we might do things that go against God. Sometimes we make mistakes, or even turn our backs on God and His love. But He will never leave us.</p> <p>We are like the sheep and God is like the shepherd, looking after us and loving us always.</p>

**Challenge:** How do you think people responded when they saw/ heard Jesus teaching His parables?

**Examples to expand on:**

After hearing Jesus teach His parables, I think that people might have understood Him and God's way more and perhaps decided to follow the message of God/become followers.

OR

After hearing Jesus teach His parables, I think some people might not have listened as they might have doubted Him and might not have a lot of faith. Hopefully, once Jesus taught more, they changed their ways when they saw that he was really the Son of God.