

The Parables of Jesus: Wisdom and Meaning

Learning objective: To analyse the moral messages within Christian parables and evaluate their significance in daily life.

Max the monkey has been studying the parables—stories told by Jesus to teach lessons. Below are four key parables. Your task is to match the parable to its core moral lesson, then provide a deeper justification for why these lessons are still relevant today.

Word bank: Forgiveness · Kindness to strangers · Humility · Perseverance · Generosity · Integrity

1. Match the Parable of the Good Samaritan to one word from the word bank and explain why this story challenges people to act differently towards others. (3 marks)

2. The Parable of the Lost Son focuses on 'Forgiveness'. Explain why it can sometimes be difficult for humans to forgive, and how this parable encourages a change in perspective. (3 marks)

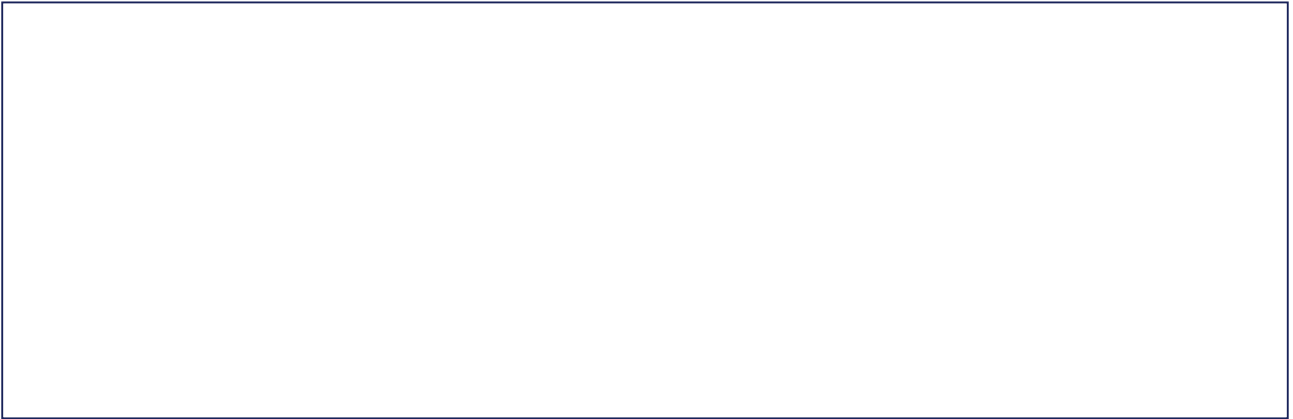
3. Compare and contrast the Parable of the Sower with the idea of 'Perseverance'. Why might a Christian believe that patience is a vital virtue? (3 marks)

4. Justify your answer: If the Parable of the Mustard Seed teaches that small actions can lead to big results, give a real-life example of a 'small action' that could create a positive change in your community. (3 marks)

5. What might happen if a society ignored the teachings of these parables? Discuss the potential impact on community relationships. (3 marks)

6. 6. Choose one of the parables discussed. If you were to retell this story in a modern-day setting (e.g., in a school or at a bus stop), how would the characters behave differently? Explain your choices. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Modern Parable' scene. Illustrate a scenario where someone is showing kindness to a stranger in a modern setting, such as a local park or a library, reflecting the values found in the parables.



Extension challenge: Write a short, original parable of your own, inspired by a value you hold dear (such as honesty or courage). Ensure your story has a clear 'moral' at the end, just like the ones Max has been studying!