

Christianity: The Parables of Jesus

Learning objective: To understand the meaning of parables in Christianity and reflect on the moral lessons they teach.

Ellie the elephant has been studying the stories Jesus told, known as parables. These stories were often used to teach important lessons about kindness, forgiveness, and community. Read the descriptions of these three famous parables and match them to the correct moral lesson. Then, use the word bank to fill in the blanks in the reflection section below.

Word bank: Good Samaritan · Lost Sheep · Prodigal Son · forgiveness · kindness · value · neighbour

1. Match the Parable to its core teaching:

- 1. The Good Samaritan: Helps us understand that we should show love to everyone, even those we don't know.**
- 2. The Lost Sheep: Shows that every single person is important to God, no matter how small.**
- 3. The Prodigal Son: Teaches that it is never too late to say sorry and receive love. (3 marks)**

- 2. Fill in the blank: The story of the _____ teaches us that our _____ is anyone who needs our help, regardless of where they are from. (2 marks)**

- 3. Fill in the blank: In the story of the _____, the shepherd leaves the ninety-nine to find the one, showing how much God treasures the _____ of every individual. (2 marks)**

- 4. Fill in the blank: The story of the _____ illustrates the power of _____ and welcoming someone back home. (2 marks)**

- 5. Why do you think Jesus used simple stories like these instead of just giving people a list of rules to follow? Explain your thinking. (3 marks)**

Draw: Draw a scene that represents one of the parables mentioned above. Think about the setting—perhaps a dusty road, a grassy hillside, or a welcoming home—and show the characters interacting with kindness.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a storyteller like Jesus. Write a short, modern-day parable (about 50 words) that teaches a lesson about being a good friend in your school playground.