



Year 5

RE

Week 3



Lesson Aims

Lesson 3 - Love

LO: To know that Jesus sometimes used parables to teach people deep truths about God and His Kingdom.

SC: I can suggest meanings of different parables or teachings.

I can make links between Jesus' teaching and what Christians believe.



Parables

Read the extracts and mark each reference to love.
Compare what you find.

What are the main points?

What does this tell us about how Jesus viewed love?





Parables

Jesus taught that the two greatest commandments were to:
“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’”

Love for all people was at the very centre of Jesus’ message. He told a parable to illustrate this:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/z4vcd2p>



Parables

The Samaritans and Jews were sworn enemies and so for the Samaritan to show such love was even more amazing.

Jesus wanted everyone to be like the Samaritan.

Why do you think this is?





Play a game called: Do you love your neighbour?

The phrase 'do you love your neighbour?' is a way of saying 'do you really care about other people?'

Write down the names of five people your class.

Ask yourself the question 'do you love your neighbour?' You can answer 'yes' or 'yes but...'

If it is 'yes', then move on to the next person on your list.

If the answer is 'yes but...' you should add something like 'yes but... I really love/like people who are footballers' or who wear their hair in bunches... or who like dogs..' and so on.

Write down another five names and continue until you have a 'yes' or a 'yes but...' answer for all the people you can think of in the class



Love your neighbour

What do you notice about the people you have answered 'yes' for?

Are they the people near the top of your list?

The truth is that we are all more inclined to like certain people and in particular those who are rather like us or similar to us in the things we like and not those who are different.

However, Jesus teaches us that we should be kind and compassionate to everyone, not just those we particularly like, or that are like us.



Compassion and Kindness

Why did Jesus wanted to shock everyone like this with his story?
It certainly made his audience sit up and pay attention.

Real compassion could come from anywhere and often takes us by surprise when it does. Similarly, the opportunity to show real compassion often comes any time and when we least expect it. Sadly the result is that we often end up doing nothing.

Think about the kindness goals from last week...have you managed to score any of these goals?



Reflection

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

St Paul (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

This famous passage from the Bible is often used at weddings. Why do you think that is?



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- I can ...

Remember the SC. Do you think you met the aim of the Lesson?