



What is the 'good news' Christians believe Jesus brings?

RE Knowledge Organiser

Prior Learning: In Year One children will have learnt what a parable is and know the story of 'The Lost Son' from the bible. They will understand what this story means to Christians and how it shapes their beliefs. They will know how Christians put their beliefs into practice in worship.

Key RE learning Outcomes for this unit:

Make sense of belief:

- Tell stories from the Bible and recognise a link with the concept of 'Gospel' or 'good news'
- Give clear, simple accounts of what Bible texts (such as the story of Matthew the tax collector) mean to Christians
- Recognise that Jesus gives instructions to people about how to behave

Key RE learning Outcomes for this unit:

Understand the impact:

- Give at least two examples of ways in which Christians follow the teachings studied about forgiveness and peace, and bringing good news to the friendless
- Give at least two examples of how Christians put these beliefs into practice in the Church community and their own lives (for example: charity, confession)

Key RE learning Outcomes for this unit:

Make connections:

- Think, talk and ask questions about whether Jesus' 'good news' is only good news for Christians, or if there are things for anyone to learn about how to live, giving a good reason for their ideas.

Areas of Reflection

- Ask pupils to come up with a list of 12 people who are important to them: who would they choose and why? The New Testament describes the 12 people Jesus chose - they were not necessarily the kinds of people pupils might expect. Learn the parable of **'Matthew the Tax Collector'**. Explore how and why Matthew's life was changed by his encounter with Jesus, 'friend of the friendless'. These accounts are part of the 'Gospel' of Jesus, meaning 'good news'. What was the 'good news' that Jesus brought?
- Forgiveness: Jesus teaches his followers that God forgives them, but they need to forgive others too. Learn the parable of **'The Prodigal Son.'** Talk about why forgiveness from God is good news for Christians and why forgiveness from people is important for all of us. What happens if someone does not forgive, compared with if they do?
- Peace: Jesus promises his followers peace. Talk about things that stop us having peace (e.g. worry, illness, conflict, fear). Talk about and try out some ways in which people get peace (music, laughter, being quiet, exercise, saying sorry and being forgiven, a hug). How do Christians receive peace from Jesus? If they believe Jesus loves them and forgives them, how does that bring them peace? How is that 'good news' for Christians? Learn the parable of **'Jesus Calming the Storm'**.
- Explore some ways in which Christians try to bring Jesus' 'good news' to others. For example, just like Jesus was 'friend to the friendless', Learn the parable of **'Zacchaeus'**.
- Christians try to help people in need, e.g. local food bank; working with homeless people - look at Trinity Church, Cheltenham (trinitycheltenham.com) or St George's Crypt, Leeds (www.stgeorgescrypt.org.uk/charity).
- Explore the idea that offering friendship to others (especially the friendless), finding ways of being at peace and bringing peace, such as through forgiveness - these are all good things for people, not only Christians. Note that Christians believe they receive these things especially (but not exclusively) through Jesus.

Key RE Vocabulary

gospel	The teachings of Jesus.
disciples	A follower of Jesus in his life.
forgiveness	Foregting what someone has done and not holding bad feelings against them.
confession	Admitting you have made a mistake and asking for forgiveness.
peace	Freedom from fear, stress or noise.
charity	An organisation which provides help and support for those in need.
parable	A story with a moral message.



