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Jesus the storyteller - Part 1

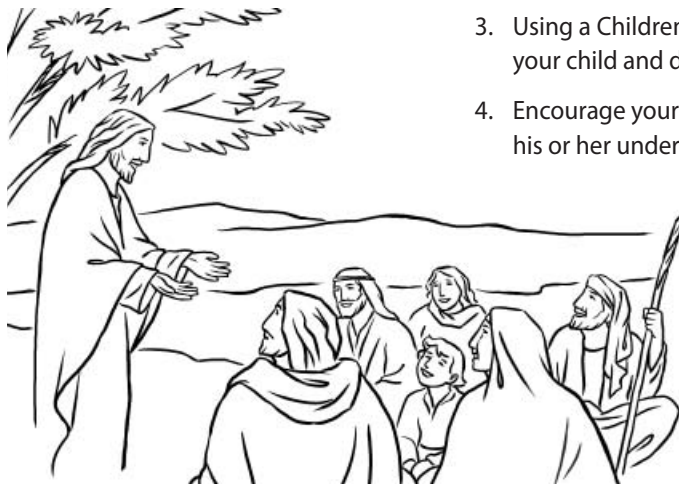
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1. Jesus taught us using special stories called parables.
2. Jesus teaches us to love one another as he loved us.

During lesson time your child:

- *understood and appreciated that Jesus was a great storyteller;*
- *understood the meaning of the word 'parable';*
- *listened and responded creatively to a parable;*
- *considered and discussed what they can learn from Jesus' parables.*

Jesus loved to use stories to teach people. These stories teach us that God loves us and forgives us. They teach us about the Church. They teach us that we must always be ready to serve God and other people. Jesus always knew how to make his stories so beautiful that no one who heard them would forget them. Today, his stories are still famous, and we read them in the Gospels.



SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

These are some suggested activities to do at home with your child.

1. Read and discuss the passage with your child. Explore your child's understanding of the passage by asking him or her 'I wonder' questions; e.g. I wonder . . . how we can hear Jesus' stories?
2. Ask your child to re-tell one or a number of the stories that Jesus told his disciples. Explore the story or stories by asking him or her about its meaning and why Jesus told it. As you read a story to your child, pause and ask him or her how he or she feels the story will end.
3. Using a Children's Bible, read some of the parables to your child and discuss them.
4. Encourage your child to draw pictures representing his or her understanding of the story.

To Remember:

The stories of Jesus teach us many things.

Jesus was a great storyteller. He used simple stories to teach people important things about how to live and how to treat others. Write down the letter that is in the first word but not in the second word, and you will discover what we call the stories.

In **peach** but not in **beach**.

In **trap** but not in **trip**.

In **right** but not in **light**.

In **pat** but not in **pet**.

In **book** but not in **look**.

In **love** but not in **dove**.

In **bell** but not in **ball**.

In **sing** but not in **ring**.



Dear God,
thank you for your many stories.
Help us to always listen to you.
Amen.