

Parables of Jesus

1. Read and discuss Matthew 13:44.
2. What is a parable? Why and how did Jesus use parables?
3. Name and learn the meaning of three parables Jesus told in the gospels.
4. Make a craft or diorama depicting a parable.
5. Participate in a physical game or outdoor activity depicting one of the parables of Jesus.
6. Make “Get Well” or “Thinking of You” cards for outreach. Read Luke 10:25-37 to the children.



Helps

1. Discuss the verse with the children and make sure they understand that the kingdom of heaven is both where God lives and the way they can show God’s love to others.
2. A parable is a simple story with a lesson. Jesus told simple stories so his followers could understand and remember the lessons he was teaching them. Give the children examples of lessons they might learn from parables: being kind to others, being a good neighbor, sharing God’s love.
3. Matthew 13:44 The kingdom of heaven is like a hidden treasure.
Mark 4:30-34 Faith is like a tiny seed.
Luke 10:25-37 Be a good neighbor.
4. Faith is like a tiny seed if planted it will grow (Mark 4:30-34). Give each child a seed and materials needed to plant the seed and include directions for care of the seed. Discuss how this small seed growing into a larger plant is like faith.
5. Review Mathew 13:44. Then have the children go geocaching or on a scavenger hunt. If you need help with geocaching, there are lots of beginning geocaching with kids sites on the internet.
6. If you need ideas for card ideas, you can find card template and card crafts online.