

Caroline Haslett Primary School – RE

Topic: Unit 6 - Truth;  
Parable; Fable; Myth

Year 3

Can made-up stories tell  
the truth?

**Knowledge**

Jesus taught his disciples and the crowds using parables, stories that had a message. Sometimes the messages were hidden; sometimes they were quite clear. Many of them were told using exaggeration, and were clearly meant not to be taken at face value.

Jesus told the parables– the Good Samaritan, the Ten Virgins, the Workers in the Vineyard, the Two Sons.

There is a difference between, truths, untruths and truth that is hidden behind story.

**Vocabulary**

- **Disciple** – a follower of Jesus
- **Fable** – a usually funny story that usually uses animals to teach a valuable life lesson, a moral.
- **Jesus** – the man that Christians believe was the son of God
- **Myth** – a story describing the adventures of beings with more than human powers that attempts to explain mysterious events
- **Parable** – a simple moral story told by Jesus

**Activities**

- Sort some statements into true/false.
- Read a fictional book - The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry and discuss whether the made up story teaches things that are true.
- Read some of the parables that Jesus told – the Good Samaritan, the Ten Virgins, the Workers in the Vineyard, the Two Sons). Discuss why we think they are stories rather than history. Identify the message that these stories are telling.
- Explore some stories from Hinduism – the story of Rama and Sita. Are these stories true?
- Pick any story that tells the truth and write or draw a version of the story, making the truth of the story really clear.
- Imagine and act out a scenario when a story would help and one when it would not.



**Skills**

- Retell a parable from the Bible, suggesting a meaning that the story may have for a Christian
- Recognise the difference between stories that are meant to be true and those that are not
- Use a parable of Jesus as a basis for a story or drama that teaches a truth
- Make some suggestions about why stories are a good way to communicate
- Suggest reasons why truth matters in society