

Year 4 Spring 1 RE- Christianity: God's Kingdom

What did Jesus teach his followers?

Jesus taught that God's Kingdom is the rule of God on Earth and that Christians are citizens of that Kingdom.

Jesus taught his followers how to live in his Kingdom, including:

- how they should treat others
- how they should spend their time
- how they should spend their money



Key miracles:

- Jesus feeds the 5000.
- Jesus calms the storm.
- Jesus walks on water.

Key parable: Parable of the Mustard Seed

How does the parable relate to God's Kingdom?

- small beginning, significant growth
- transformation
- inclusivity and shelter
- symbol of faith and potential
- gradual and organic growth



How can this be 'good news' for Christians?

Christians believe that Jesus was a kind and caring ruler who reflected the values of a good citizen onto his followers.

Christians can have someone to follow and look up to, if they aspire to be a part of God's Kingdom. This can link with their actions and how they want to be seen in the world, thinking about what kind of character they want to be.

How may this affect how Christian's act?

If Christians want to be a part of God's Kingdom, they may act showing different values.

Some of these values may be:

- Patience
- Care and Compassion
- Fairness

Glossary

Kingdom	A place where a king or queen rules.
Citizen	A person who is part of a state, nation or kingdom.
Kingdom (for Christians)	The rule of God on Earth.
Incarnation	The belief that God became a human being in the person of Jesus Christ.
Good news	The Christian message that the coming of God is good news for all people.
Response	The Christian teaching that God's love should elicit a response from those whom he loves.
Sovereign	A ruler or monarch.

By the end of the unit:

Most Christians believe that:

- God's Kingdom is God's rule on earth
- Jesus is the ruler of God's Kingdom
- people who follow Jesus make up the Church and are members of God's Kingdom

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