

# Understanding Christianity - GOSPEL

## What would Jesus do?

We are building on learning from last year's Understanding Christianity units:

- The New Testament tells the story of Jesus' life and what happened after his death.
- His teachings are told through 4 main Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
- Christians believe the death and resurrection of Jesus is at the very heart of the Christian faith.
- The Christian faith began when Jesus was crucified on the cross and was later resurrected.

Key vocabulary:

Gospel - the teachings of Jesus

Disciple - a follower of Jesus during his life

Parable - a story that teaches a lesson

Sermon - a religious talk to a group of people

This unit of work focuses on the New Testament.

We will be exploring some of the teachings of Jesus through his sermons and parables.

Some Bible readings we will be looking at are:

Matthew 7:24–27 and Matthew 5-7

*...Love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you. If you do this, you will be true children of your Father in heaven. He causes the sun to rise on good people and on evil people, and he sends rain to those who do right and to those who do wrong.*

*Do to others what you want them to do to you. This is the meaning of the law of Moses and the teaching of the prophets.*

*Don't judge other people, and you will not be judged. You will be judged in the same way that you judge others.*



These are some of Jesus' teachings that we will be looking at in more detail. Here are some key questions for you to think about or discuss with your families at home:

Do you agree with these teachings? Why? Why not?

Which do you think is the most/least important? Why?

Do you think these are easy to follow?

DO you have to be a Christian to believe in some of these ideas?

Do these beliefs link to the beliefs of any other religions?