

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

What is the Kingdom of Heaven like?

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Discovering Wisdom/ Jesus Talks about God's Kingdom

1. What is your favorite story that Jesus told?
2. Jesus told stories to invite people to hear the truth about God's Kingdom. As you listen to this episode, think about how you picture God's Kingdom. How would you describe it?

Memory Verse

He answered: I have explained the secret about God's kingdom to you, but for others I can use only stories.

Mark 4: 11

After You Listen

Jesus told at least 40 stories called parables to help people understand what the kingdom of heaven is really like. These stories used imagination to teach big ideas. But what is the kingdom of heaven? It's the place where Jesus is king and where we can live with God. In God's kingdom, the most important people are kind, humble, and full of mercy.

How amazing is the kingdom of heaven? Jesus said it's so special that it's worth giving up everything to be part of it. It's like a treasure! And the best part is—Jesus invites us all to be part of it.

Now think about this: how can you help make the world more like the kingdom of heaven? How can you listen to God and bring his goodness wherever you go? When you use your imagination and think about God's kingdom, it helps you live more like Jesus. You can shine his light, and other people will see God through the way you live.

Read some of the parables in [Mark 4](#) and [Matthew 13](#). Want to dig deeper and learn some more parables? Check out Matthew 20:1-16; Luke 10:25-37; Luke 14:15-24; Luke 15:3-32_

Challenge

When Jesus told parables, he sometimes started by saying, "The Kingdom of Heaven is..." and then compared it to something. What do you compare God's kingdom to?

Here are some starter ideas. They might give you an idea, or you can make up your own.

1. The kingdom of heaven is like the Olympics, because...
2. The kingdom of heaven is like a tall tree, because...
3. The kingdom of heaven is like a construction site, because...
4. The kingdom of heaven is like a sunset beach, because...
5. The kingdom of heaven is like a family reunion, because

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: What did Jesus compare the Kingdom of Heaven to? a. A pearl. b. A necklace. c. A gold ring

Answer: A pearl

Question 2: What did some of the women run out of as they waited for the bridegroom?

Answer: They ran out of oil for their lamps.

Question 3: Name two parables where something was lost.

Answer: The Parable of the Lost Coin and The Parable of the Lost Sheep.

Question 4: According to Jesus, who will discover the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven?

Answer: Those who have open hearts.
