

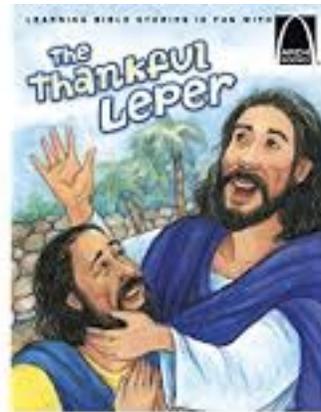
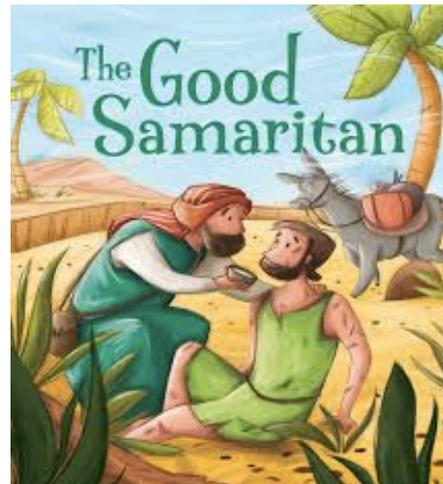
Key Question: What kind of world did Jesus want?

What should I already know:

- Jesus shows love and forgiveness to unlikely people
- Christians try to be like Jesus and try to get to know him better
- Christians try to put Jesus actions and teaching into practice in lots of ways, including church worship and social justice
- Jesus sets the example for loving God and your neighbour, putting others first.

Key Vocabulary:

Christian	A person who believes in Christ and his teachings.
Gospel	These are four biblical narratives (stories) about the life and death of Jesus. They were written by: St Matthew, St Mark, St Luke and St John.
Disciple	A follower of Jesus during his life.
New Testament	The second part of the Christian bible. It discusses the teachings and person of Jesus, as well as events in first-century Christianity.



Key stories in this unit

- The Thankful Leper
- The Good Samaritan



Gospel – Spreading the Good News

Jesus spent three years preaching before his crucifixion. During this time, he taught God's salvation message to those around him. Many of his teachings, stories and actions from this time are recorded in the New Testament. They give Christians guidance on how God wants them to live in the world. Much of this guidance was new and even contradictory to conventional thinking at the time, so Jesus was showing a new way of living. Many Christians will try to follow Jesus' teachings and emulate his actions in order to come into a deeper relationship with God and know how to live well in a world where sin has an impact.

The fisher of people

Jesus is also known as the 'fisher of men'. This is how he called the first disciples, when Jesus performed the miracle of the fish. For Christians nowadays, a vicar may identify with Jesus, trying to lead others in their walk with God. Most Christians might identify with one of the fishermen — attracted by the good news, feeling under-qualified, perhaps!

Many Christians are part of Bible study groups. They can learn more about Jesus and try to act as he did.



Christians are inspired by Jesus

Christians are inspired by the example and the stories of Jesus. They find them challenging, just as Jesus' listeners did. It is not easy to love the unlovable! It is not easy to keep loving God all the time, either — people can be easily distracted by things that don't matter as much.