

Tuesday 23rd June

LI: To explain belief in the Kingdom of
God expressed in the parables

Recap: What is meant by the Kingdom of God?

- Matthew talks about the Kingdom of Heaven through a series of parables
- He refers to it as the Kingdom of Heaven as he was Jewish. However, we also refer to it as the Kingdom of God
- The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed that will start small and grow into something monumental
- Some people are more willing than others to hear the word of God, and that is represented by the types of soil in the parable of the sower.
- In God's kingdom, we must be able to respond to God's word and therefore grow (just like the seed did in the good soil).

Task 1

Complete/copy the Y Chart →

Hints:

‘To work for the kingdom’ is us working to grow and maintain God’s kingdom. How will this feel?

What qualities do you think we need to bring to the kingdom? E.g. honesty, commitment...



Our beliefs about the kingdom

Our beliefs can affect the way we behave. Have a look at the table below. Can you think of any more beliefs in God's kingdom and how they affect your behaviour?

BELIEF	BEHAVIOUR
Honesty is important	Tell the truth
Everyone should have access to food and clean water	Give to charity
It is important to help in your community	Find out how to volunteer and help others
Education is important	Become a teacher
Only God's recognition is important	Don't show off for the recognition of friends or teachers

Belief about God's kingdom



Reflect

Have there been times when you have acted for the kingdom? Does your behaviour 'fit' with life in the kingdom of God?

Think about how you have acted at home, school and in the community.



Task 2: How have you acted for the Kingdom?

- Write a short paragraph, explaining a time(s) when you **have** acted based on your belief in the Kingdom of Heaven. You can include ways you have acted at home, at school or in the community.
- You should also include times when you **could have acted differently**.
- Your paragraph should show how your behaviour is influenced by your Christian beliefs.

Model

It is important to act for the Kingdom of God because I believe it is partly my responsibility to make life here on earth God's kingdom. One way I have acted for God's kingdom is by talking to my friends at school about God. Spreading the word about God means that I am sharing news about his kingdom with others.

Sometimes when I am at home, my sister can be very annoying. When she is annoying, I'm not very kind to her. However, I know I should act differently because in God's kingdom, I should treat everybody the same, even those that aren't nice to me.

Extension task

Give an example of someone you know who is inspired by the Kingdom of God.

How do they show this in their life?