



Religion	Christianity
Denomination	Baptist
Question answered:	What stories are important to you? (KS1 Q2)
Key concepts, questions, and outcomes:	Bible, God, Jesus, story, narrative Why do symbols and stories play important roles in religions? Why do some people follow religious leaders and teachings? Retell a range of religious stories and explain how they link to the core beliefs and practices.
Key teaching points:	The Bible contains stories that Christians retell to show them what God is like. Christians learn about Jesus from the Bible.
Prior knowledge:	Some knowledge of a small range of Bible stories would be a useful starting point. Basic Christian concepts such as Creation, Incarnation and Salvation would also be helpful.

Core Vocabulary:			
<b>Bible</b>	The book used by Christians to learn and study the stories of God and his people	<b>Forgiveness</b>	When people say sorry for something God forgives them
<b>Jesus</b>	Christians believe that Jesus is God in human form, often referred to as the son of God	<b>Relationship</b>	Many Christians understand their faith as being about a relationship with God

Summary of answers:
<p>These speakers refer to a wide range of stories, some from the life of Jesus (Zacchaeus and blind Bartimaeus, Easter narrative) and some of the stories that Jesus told. Through the stories of Zacchaeus (Luke 19), Easter (Luke 23 and 24) and the Lost Son (Luke 15) the speakers draw out the message of forgiveness. The verse mentioned by the first speaker is Luke 23:34. Two of the speakers refer to the story of the Lost or Prodigal Son. Notice how the two retellings focus on slightly different aspects.</p> <p>The story of Blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52) is also retold, demonstrating the power of God to heal and also refers to the fact that Christians can have a relationship with God. She does not claim that all diseases are healed. The third speaker refers to the story of the Lost Sheep (also in Luke 15) and uses that to show that Jesus was like the shepherd and will search for someone no matter how lost they may be.</p>

Next Steps:
<p>Read, in a child friendly version, or watch films or animations of the stories mentioned. Talk about what they think the stories mean.</p> <p>Look at pictures of stained glass windows (or other pictures) that retell those same stories.</p> <p>Interview some other Christians about stories that are important to them.</p> <p>Read some other Christian stories, retell them, and talk about what they might teach Christians.</p> <p>Explore some Christian practices that link to the stories explored such as praying for healing, forgiving people and looking out for those who are lost.</p>