

	Title	Aim	Activities
Parables	The parable of the sower	To teach the story of the sower and encourage the children to think about what kind of people they are.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game: Match the seed with the fruit • Story: Luke 8:4-15 (Tell the story with powerpoint) • Summary of the story: A farmer planted some seed Some fell on a footpath where it was stepped on and birds ate it Some fell on shallow soil with rock underneath, it began to grow but it soon withered and died Some fell among thorns that grew quickly and choked out the plant Some fell on the fertile soil which grew and produced a large crop Seed on the footpath is like those who hear the message but the devil comes and steals it away and stops them from believing and being saved Seed on the rocky soil those who hear the message, believe for a while but get blown away because their roots aren't deep enough Seed on the thorn are those who hear and accept the message but the message gets lost because of the distractions and don't mature Seed on the good soil is honest, good hearted people who hear God's message and cling onto it and produce a huge harvest! • Appliaction: We need to make sure we are good and honest people • Interactive: Kids match people with the different plant pots • Activity: Plant cress seeds
	Parable of the friend at midnight	To teach the story of the Friend at midnight and the importance of prayer and believing what we ask for.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game: Ask, seek, knock • Story: Luke 11:5-10 • Summary of the story: A person went to a friend's house at midnight wanting to borrow 3 loaves of bread A friend had visited and he had nothing for them to eat The friend at the house shouted don't bother me, we're all in bed If the person keeps on knocking long enough eventually the friend will get out of bed and give them the bread We have to keep on asking God for what we want, not give up and be determined Ask and you will receive, Seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened If you ask for something God wouldn't give you something completely different If you ask for a fish, you wouldn't get a snake, an egg you wouldn't get a scorpion • Interactive: Drama or Rap • Prayers: Is there anything the kids want to pray for write down and put in prayer box

			<p style="text-align: center;">Rap</p> <p>Suppose at midnight you go to a friend. Ask of him three loaves of bread to lend For you say a friend has come over your house. And you have nothing to eat, not even a mouse But the one inside says, "Don't bother me. The door is locked and I can't find my key. I can't get up, we're all in bed. I'm not going to give you any bread." But as he continued to plead more and more. I tell you the man will open the door. Not because he was his friend. But just to make his pleading end. So I say: Ask and it will be given to you. And if you seek, you'll find what is true. Knock and you'll suddenly find you're inside. Just as the man did because he had tried. Which of you fathers, if your son has a wish. Will give him a snake if he asks for a fish? Or give him a scorpion if he asks for an egg? Is that what you'd give if your son did beg? If you then, being evil, know how to give. Good gifts to your children to help them live. How much more will God make it his task? To give his Spirit to those who ask!</p>
The parable of the lost sheep	To show that God's love is so great that even when we go astray he will still keep us safe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game: Hide 99 little sheep around the room and get the children to find them all • Story: Luke 15:3-7 • Summary of the story: If you had 100 sheep and one was lost in the wilderness wouldn't you leave the 99 sheep to go and search for the lost one until you find it. You would carry it home on your shoulders and tell all your friends and neighbours Heaven will be happier than over one lost sinner who returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away. God will be happy when we go back to him if we make mistakes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game: Who's got the sheep • Craft: Handprint Lamb, draw round hand with thumb as stretched out as possible, stick cotton wool onto the hand print, fingers are legs, thumb is the head 	
Parable of the talents	To encourage the children to use the gifts God has given them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity: Children to draw their talents • Story: Matthew 25:14-30 • Summary of the story: A man was going on a trip and gave 3 of his servants some money to invest for him while he was gone 1 man got 5 bags of gold, 1 man got 2 bags of gold, 1 man got 1 bag of gold The person with 5 immediately invested it and doubled it The person with 2 did the same The person with 1 dug a hole, buried it to keep it safe The man praised the 2 people who invested the money and gave them more responsibilities The man was angry with the man who buried it as he had been lazy and so he gave his money to the first man. We need to use what God has given us and he will give us even more <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drama and talent show: Children to show us their talents 	