

Key Vocabulary

Christianity

God

Jesus

Friend

Bible

Zacchaeus

Disciples

Moral

Spring 1

R.E.: Jesus as a Friend

Christians believed that in the time Jesus was alive, he taught us all how to be a good friend. These stories have been told in the bible and teach Christians how to be forgiving and kind.

The Story of Zacchaeus

Zacchaeus lived in a town called Jericho. He was a tax collector for the town, and he was very wealthy. Zacchaeus heard that Jesus was in town and wanted to see who he was. Zacchaeus was too short to see over the crowd, so he climbed up a tree to be able to see.

Jesus saw Zacchaeus and called up to him, "Zacchaeus come down. I'm coming to your house for tea!". Zacchaeus was delighted.

Some people were not pleased at Jesus's decision to have tea with Zacchaeus and they were cross with him. However, when Jesus had tea at Zacchaeus, he had a change of heart about his ways and promised to donate half of his wealth to the poor. From that day forward Zacchaeus became a very popular person.



Jesus Calms the Storm

After Jesus had spent a full day teaching on the shores of the Sea of Galilee he said to his disciples, "Let us go to the other side." So, they left the crowd and got into a boat to cross over.

. After a while there was a great and mighty storm on the sea. The storm was so great that the boat was being covered with the waves washing over it and began filling up with water. While the storm was rocking the boat, Jesus was fast asleep. The disciples came and woke him up and said, "Save us Lord"

He said to them, "Why are you afraid, Do you still have no faith?" Then Jesus got up and rebuked the winds and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm. The men were amazed and said, "What kind of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"





Mary, Martha and Lazarus

Mary and Martha were very worried about their brother Lazarus who was very sick and the sisters knew he might die soon.

When Jesus heard about Lazarus, he told his disciples “This sickness will not end in death”. Even though Jesus was far away he knew what was happening to Lazarus. Jesus waited two days before leaving to go to Lazarus in Bethany. When Jesus arrived in Bethany, Lazarus had been dead for 4 days, his body was wrapped and placed in a tomb.

Jesus went to see Martha and told her that her brother, Lazarus, will rise again. Everybody was sad. Jesus went to the tomb and removed the large stone closing the entrance. Then Jesus prayed to his father, God and he was about to perform a miracle.

“Lazarus, come out” Jesus shouted, the crowd watched in amazement as Lazarus appeared at the entrance of the cave wrapped in cloth. The crowd removed the cloth and both Mary and Martha were so happy that their brother Lazarus was alive again.

Jesus had kept his word, Lazarus was alive.