

# Can stories change people?

Year 2

Summer Term 1

## Key Questions

How do sad or happy stories make you feel?

Why can stories influence our feelings?

How do we feel when we read a story where a character has dealt with a problem we are dealing with? Does it help us?

What does Joseph's story teach us?

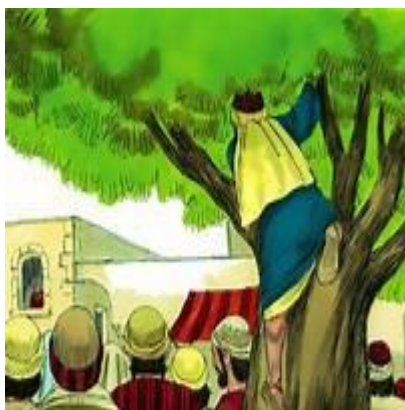
Why do we read the Biblical stories?

What do we learn from these stories?

Are people better after they have read those stories?

In this unit the children will learn:

- To retell the stories of Zacchaeus and Joseph
- Why Christians and Jews still read these stories
- Why stories may change people

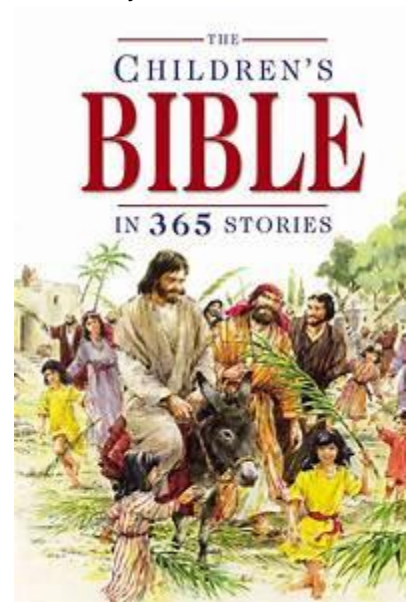


### Key content:

- The books of Genesis, Exodus, Ruth, Esther, the Gospels and the book of Acts (among others) contain almost nothing but story and history.
- Jesus told stories (parables) very deliberately as a teaching tool, intending to produce a response in those listening to him.
- The usual focus for change in both old and new testaments was that of reminding the people of God of their calling to serve God and be a light to the Gentiles (non-Jews).

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- The Jewish practice that Jesus referred to had become ritualistic and so many of the stories that Jesus tells, as well as those told about him are intended to challenge the status quo and encourage people to relate to God differently.



### Key Vocabulary

**Christianity:** the religion based on the teachings of Jesus

**Judaism:** the monotheistic religion of the Jewish

**Old Testament:** the first part of the Christian Bible

**New Testament:** the second part of the Christian Bible

**Joseph:** a Hebrew patriarch, the son of Jacob

**Zacchaeus:** a tax-collector near Jericho