



# P Kids Church 1/5 - 2/23

# PARABLES

## Jesus the Storyteller

When Jesus taught about the Way of the Kingdom of Heaven, he often wasn't able to explain it in great detail without using stories for us to understand. These stories were called "parables." A parable is "an earthly story with a heavenly meaning." Jesus was a storyteller and told lots of stories. Without parables, we would have a harder time understanding what he was saying about the Kingdom. Jesus taught at least 30 parables, while some scholars claim he taught over 250! We will focus on the parables of the Good Samaritan, the Lost Sheep, the Prodigal Son, the Hidden Treasure, the Sower and the Seeds, Salt and Light, and the Wiseman Who Built His House on the Rock. In all of these stories about earthly things, we will discover something about Kingdom. We'll find out that everyone is our neighbor and worth our time and effort, God will always call us back to him, we can return to God no matter what and he will welcome us back with open arms, the Kingdom of Heaven is worth everything we have, we must allow God's word to root itself deeply inside of us, we must spread God's word like salt and shine like light in darkness, and we must build our lives on God's Word. While these just scratch the surface of Jesus's parables, we can learn infinite truths from the wisdom within them, as they were told by the ultimate storyteller - Jesus.