## **Big Question**

Question - What did Jesus teach when He was on earth?

Answer - Jesus taught about God and His kingdom. He taught that all Scripture is about Him.

## **Bible Time**

One day, Jesus went out and sat by the sea. Large crowds of people gathered around Him, so He got into a boat and sat down. All the people stood on the shore. Then Jesus told the people parables, or stories, to teach them about the kingdom of God.

Jesus' disciples asked Him, "Why do you teach in parables?"

Jesus answered, "Not everyone will understand the hidden truths about the kingdom of heaven." Jesus reminded them about some of the words spoken by the prophet Isaiah. Some people look, but they do not see. They hear, but they do not listen or understand. Jesus made these prophecies come true. Jesus said, "You are blessed because you do understand."

So Jesus continued to share parables with them.

## **Talk It Out**

Why did Jesus choose to sometimes teach in stories?

Why is God's kingdom so valuable?

According to these verses, will everyone be a part of God's kingdom?

How do we become a part of God's kingdom?

How do we invite others to be a part of His kingdom?

## **Pray About It**

Thank God for inviting us to trust in Him and to enter into His kingdom!

Ask God to help us invite others to trust in Jesus so they can be a part of His kingdom too!

Read Matthew 13:10-52