

## Parables of the Kingdom

“The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables.” Mark 4:11

- One of the ways Jesus used to teach was to tell parables. What is a parable?

- Which kind of truths did Jesus teach in His parables? (Circle correct answer)

- (a) The simplest truths so that everyone could understand them.
- (b) Complicated truths so that only the educated could understand them.
- (c) Deep truths so that those who were given insight, could understand them.

- What can we learn by studying the parables?

**Read the parable of the wedding of the king’s son in Matthew 22:2-10.**

In the story, there were two groups of people invited to the wedding.

- Which group of people did the first guests represent? .....
- Which group of people was next invited to the “wedding”? .....
- Christ is pictured as the bridegroom in this wedding. Who is the bride? .....

- To be invited to this wedding, we must wear a symbolic wedding garment.

What does this robe or garment represent? .....

**Read the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-29.**

- What did the first servant do with the 5 talents he was given? .....
- What did the second servant do with the 2 talents he was given? .....
- What did the third servant do with the 1 talent he was given? .....
- Which servants earned the master’s praise? .....
- Which servant earned the master’s anger? .....
- Why was the master angry? .....

What lesson should we learn from the story (parable) of the talents? .....