

We can understand the parables when we pray to God to give us wisdom to learn from the Bible.

We can understand the parables when we have soft, humble hearts. We change the way we feel and the way we act around people and situations in our lives.

Matthew 13:10-13, 16 NLT

<sup>10</sup>His disciples came and asked him, "Why do you use parables when you talk to the people?"

<sup>11</sup>He replied, "You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not." <sup>12</sup>"To those who listen to my

teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them." <sup>13</sup>"That is why I use these parables, For they look, but they don't really see. They hear, but they don't really listen or understand..." <sup>16</sup>"But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear."

We can understand the parables when we keep an open mind and are eager to learn new things about God and the Kingdom of Heaven. We change the way we think so we think like Jesus.

Parables are stories Jesus told to teach us important lessons about the Kingdom of Heaven.

# Story Time With Jesus

Lesson One

## Why Jesus Told Parables

### And How We Can

### Understand Them

We can understand the parables when we live out the things God is teaching us about the Kingdom of Heaven through his Word.