

Kid's Worship Guide

Matthew 13:10-17, 34-35

Do you like riddles? Do you remember a riddle that made you laugh or one that made you confused? Why don't you write your favourite riddle here:

The parables, or stories, that Jesus tells are kind of like riddles. Only their purpose is to make us think about the Kingdom of Heaven, not laugh. A lot of people think Jesus used parables to make His teaching easier to understand. Would it surprise you to learn that He used parables to make His teaching harder to get for people who don't choose to follow Him?

When Jesus' disciples, His followers, asked Him why He talked to people in parables, Jesus answered, "Because looking they do not see, and hearing they do not listen or understand."

There were a lot of people who came to hear Jesus, but a lot of those people never actually listened to what He was trying to tell them. When Jesus began to teach in parables instead of clear teaching, a lot of people probably walked away from Him very confused. The disciples were also confused, but the difference between them and the crowds is that they didn't walk away. They came to Jesus, and asked Him to tell them what His parables meant. And, unlike many people who tell riddles, Jesus always told them what they meant.

Do you find what Jesus teaches hard to understand? When we believe in Jesus He promises to give us a helper, the Holy Spirit, to help us understand. As you read the Bible, pray that the Holy Spirit would give you eyes to see and ears to hear what He is saying!

