



Key Vocabulary

Gospels	The first four books of the New Testament which tell about the life of Jesus. (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John)
Lord's Prayer	A prayer taught by Jesus to his disciples in Matthew's gospel.
Parable	Simple story used to illustrate a spiritual lesson, as told by Jesus
Kingdom	An organized community led by a king
Community	A group of people who have shared attitudes or interests
Heaven	A place regarded as the home of God

**Our big question:  
What kind of king  
is Jesus?**



**Powerful knowledge**

Jesus told many parables about the Kingdom of God. These suggest that God's rule has begun, through the life, teaching and example of Jesus, and subsequently through the lives of Christians who follow God. The parables suggest that there will be a future Kingdom, where God's reign will be complete. The Kingdom is compared to a feast where all are invited to join in. Not everyone chooses to do so. The Kingdom of God is, in essence, where God rules — not a geographical territory, but in human hearts and minds, lives and communities.

Many Christians try to extend the Kingdom of God by challenging unjust situations in their neighbourhood and in the world.

Christians try to bring the Kingdom of God to Earth through organisations such as St. George's Crypt, PAFRAS and Traidcraft.

**What I know already**

Christians believe that Jesus' whole life was a demonstration of his belief that God is king, not just in heaven but here and now. They believe Jesus is still alive, rules in their hearts and lives through the Holy Spirit, if they let him.

Christians believe that after Jesus returned to be with God the Father, he sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to help the Church.

Christians celebrate Pentecost, as the beginning of the Church.

Staying connected to Jesus means that the fruit of the Spirit can grow in the lives of Christians.

Do all Christians think of the 'Kingdom of God' in the same way?

If Christians believe in a 'Kingdom of God', how is this demonstrated in their behaviour?

Why is it important that Christians have the 'Kingdom of God' to aspire to?

Which famous people show service in others in today's world? What can other people learn from their behaviour?