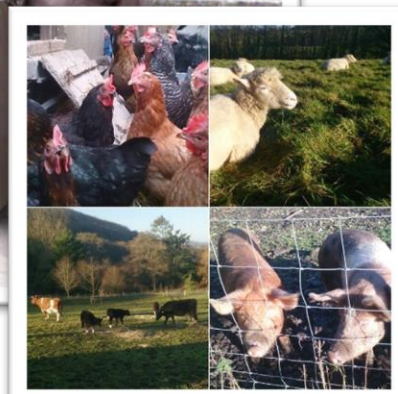


Year 5 – RE

What did Jesus teach about poverty?



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Lesson 1: What did Jesus say about poverty?

This half-term we are going to look at what Jesus says to Christians about poverty in the Bible and how Christians then act on those words.

Jesus speaks quite a lot about poverty. He was living in the Middle East 2,000 years ago and that was a place of great wealth and great poverty. Some lived comfortable lives with servants and expensive clothes, others begged on the streets and relied on the charity of those around them for survival.

Christians learn about the life of Jesus from the **Gospels**. Four books, written by four authors, which tell the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

They tell Christians that Jesus was the Son of God, that he had miraculous powers and that he was a great teacher – someone with a message to tell to others.



This is what Jesus said about poverty and wealth in the Gospels. Read the quotes together and summarise them

Jesus talking about poverty in the Gospels	Summarise what Jesus is saying in less than 25 words
<p>Jesus looked straight at him with love and said, “You need only one thing. Go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven; then come and follow me.” When the man heard this, gloom spread over his face, and he went away sad, because he was very rich. Mark 10:21-22</p>	
<p>Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your rich neighbours—for they will invite you back, and in this way you will be paid for what you did. When you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind; and you will be blessed, because they are not able to pay you back. God will repay you on the day the good people rise from death.” Luke 14:12-14</p>	
<p>Looking at his disciples, he said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh”. Luke 6:20-21</p>	

Jesus, a camel and the eye of a needle

Once a man came to Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what good thing must I do to receive eternal life?”



“Why do you ask me concerning what is good?” answered Jesus. “There is only One who is good. Keep the commandments if you want to enter life.”

“What commandments?” he asked.

Jesus answered, “Do not commit murder; do not steal; do not accuse anyone falsely; respect your father and your mother; and love your neighbour as you love yourself.”

“I have obeyed all these commandments,” the young man replied. “What else do I need to do?”

Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven; then come and follow me.”

When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he was very rich.

Jesus then said to his disciples, “I assure you: it will be very hard for rich people to enter the Kingdom of heaven. I repeat: it is much harder for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God than for a camel to go through the eye of a needle.”



What is Jesus telling his followers? Why might they be shocked or upset?
