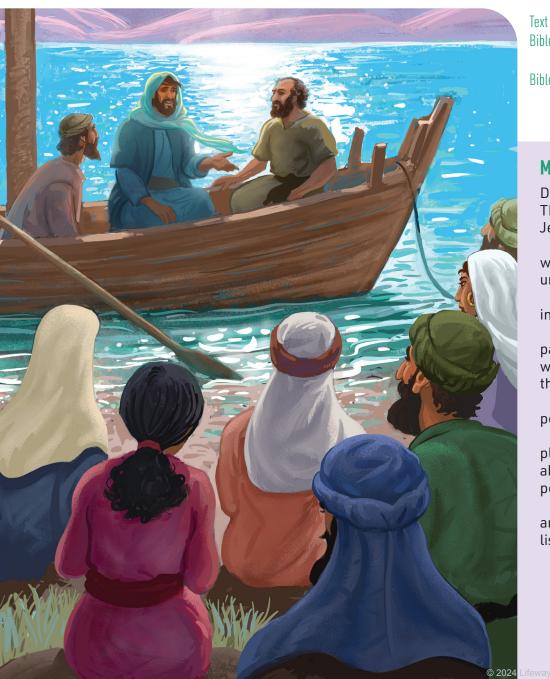
JESUS' STORIES



Text Truth: Jesus helped people learn.

Bible Verse: Jesus spoke with parables like these, as the people

were able to understand. Mark 4:33

Bible Verse Paraphrase: Jesus used parables to help people

understand, Mark 4:33

MARK 4:1-34

Day after day people followed Jesus around the countryside. The people saw Jesus do many wonderful things and they heard Jesus teach about God and His laws. The people were amazed.

Some people believed everything Jesus told them, but others wondered about the things Jesus said. Some people did not understand or know about the things Jesus taught.

One day Jesus left a house and went to the seashore. Jesus got into a boat and sat down while the people stood on the shore.

Jesus taught the people by using stories (the Bible calls them parables) about farmers planting seed, people burying treasures, workers in the field, lost sheep, a kind man, and many other things.

Jesus' disciples asked Jesus, "Why do You use parables to teach

Jesus explained that not everyone knew all the things God had planned for Jesus. Jesus reminded His disciples that they knew about these things. Jesus said, "I use parables because other people do not listen or understand."

Jesus told His disciples that it was good they could see Jesus and hear Him teach and understand. Jesus wanted all people to listen to His parables and understand.

Teacher Jesus

Jesus used parables (stories) to help people learn.

Trace the letters to write the word *parable*.



Look at the letters. Circle the letters to spell the name *Jesus*. Use the letters in the box as a guide.

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