



# What can we learn from stories?

## Topic Overview

- **The Bod who cried wolf (Aesop's Fables)**
- A shepherd boy kept tricking the villagers into thinking a wolf was attacking his sheep. When a wolf appeared and the boy called for help, the villagers didn't believe him and the sheep were eaten by the wolf.
- **The Crocodile and the Priest (A Sikh Story)**
- A crocodile prayed to God every day. A priest said he was only an animal so he shouldn't pray to God. The priest turned into a crocodile because he thought he was better than the him.
- Sikhs believe people should not think they are better than other people because everyone is special and important.
- Sikhs believe people should be the best person they can be.
- **Bilal and the Beautiful Butterfly (A Muslim story)**
- A butterfly spoke to Bilal about all of the beautiful things Allah had created.
- Muslims believe Allah (God) created beautiful animals and places.
- Muslims believe they should praise Allah for the beautiful world He has created.
- **The Gold-Giving Serpent (An Indian Fairytale)**
- There was a farmer who worked hard but was very poor. He saw a serpent and thought he was the god of his field so he worshipped him. He gave the serpent some milk and the serpent gave him a gold coin. The farmer's son decided to take the gold coins for himself so he tried to kill the serpent. The serpent killed the son and told the farmer not to come back again.
- **Best Friends (A story from Asia)**
- An elephant and a dog became best friends even though they were supposed to be enemies.
- **The Lost Coin (A Christian Parable)**
- A lady had 10 silver coins but she lost one. She kept on looking for the coin and did not give up until she found it.
- Christians believe God loves everyone.
- Jesus wanted people to learn that to God, everyone is precious and He cares if people become lost. He is very happy when they come back to Him.
- **The Good Samaritan (A Christian Parable)**
- A traveller was robbed and hurt. A priest and a Levite saw the man but walked past. A Samaritan saw the man and helped him even though they were enemies.
- Jesus taught Christians to 'love your neighbour.'
- The parable encourages Christians to help anyone in need.



Key Vocabulary	Definition
Equal	To be the same as.
Lie	To say something that is not true.
Honest	To be truthful.
Priest	A religious leader.
Moral	The lesson about right and wrong learned from a story.
Mediate	To spend time in quiet thinking.
Reborn	Born again.
Allah	The word for 'God' in the Islam faith.
Poor	Not having much money.
Greed	Wanting more than you need, for example money.
Grateful	Feeling or showing thanks.
Parable	A short story told to teach a lesson.
Rejoice	To feel joy.
Neighbour	A person living next door to or very near to you. Christians believe our neighbours are everyone we meet.
Levite	Worked in the temple (a religious building).
Samaritan	Someone from Samaria (in Israel).