

**Key Vocabulary**

**Commandments-** Rules set by Jesus to his followers.

**Christians-** a believer in Jesus Christ and God.

**Jesus-** Christians believe Jesus was the son of God.

**God-** a supreme being

**Parable-**a simple story told by Jesus to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson.

**Sermon-** is a lecture led by a preacher.

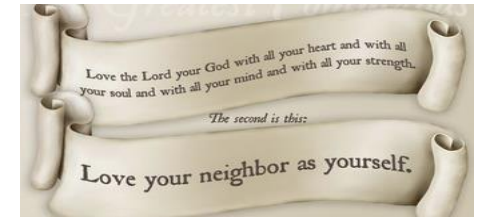
**Prayer-** a sincere request for help or an expression of thankfulness addressed to God or another deity.

**Important Facts**

Christians try to use Jesus' words as their 'foundations for living'. (Matthew 22:36–40). Jesus' two greatest commandments are: 1) to love God 2) love your neighbour



The parable of the wise and foolish builders (Matthew 7:24–27) was told by Jesus to implement the foundations of living. This parable emphasises the need to put Jesus' teachings into practice. The first story that Jesus tells us in this passage is about a man who builds his house upon a rock. It is very strong and sturdy, Jesus is like a rock. The second part of this story is about a man who built his house on the sand. The world is like sand. When we build our lives on whatever we want, but not Jesus, it is like standing on the sand. The foolish man's house fell down when the storm came.



Sermon on the Mount: (Matthew 5–7)

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him and he taught them.

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.  
<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.  
<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

**Golden Rule: Do to others as you would have them do to you.**



<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy. <sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God. <sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## Centurion

was a professional officer of the Roman army. Centurions originally commanded a hundred men

### A healing miracle: The Centurion's Servant: (Luke 7:1–10)

A Roman Centurion asks Jesus for his help because his servant was ill. Jesus offers to go to the centurion's house to perform a healing, but the centurion hesitates and suggests that Jesus' word of authority would be enough., Jesus was impressed by the centurions comments and strong religious faith displayed by the soldier (despite not being a Jew) and grants the request, which led to the servant being healed on the same day.

Prayer - Christians believe **prayer** is one of the main ways that they can grow closer to God and they contain – praise, confessions, asking and thanking.

Jesus spent a lot of time in prayer and For Jesus, his relationship with God the Father was key to his very being and prayer was at the centre of that relationship. He taught the disciples the Lord's prayer as a way to learn how to pray.

### Archbishop Desmond Tutu



Desmond Tutu- was a Christian social rights activist who opposed apartheid and used his position as a Christian minister to fight against it. He spoke out against supporters of apartheid including the government whose laws were very unfair and made life hard for non-white people.

He was born 7<sup>th</sup> October 1932 and on December 26<sup>th</sup> 2021.



## Quiz

1) **What are Jesus' two greatest commandments?**

a) to give to the poor and care for your family b) to love God and to love your neighbour c) to believe in Jesus and one God d) to be honest and to be kind

2) **Finish the sentence.**

Christians use Jesus' words as a foundation of.....? a) living b) faith c) happiness d) life

3) **In the parable of 'the of the wise and foolish builders, what was the wise man's house built out of?**

a) sand b) rock c) wood d) metal

4) **In the parable of 'the of the wise and foolish builders, what was the foolish man's house built out of?**

a) sand b) rock c) wood d) metal

5) **In the parable of 'the of the wise and foolish builders, which material was Jesus compared to?**

a) sand b) rock c) wood d) metal

6) **In the sermon on the mount, Jesus used a word to describe the different type of good people?**

a) strange b) happy c) blessed d) difficult

7) **In the parable of the "the Centurion's Servant" who asked for Jesus' help?**

a) soldier b) Centurion c) servant d) disciples

8) **Why was Jesus impressed with the Centurion?**

a) he had faith b) he was a strong fighter c) he was caring d) he was worried

9) **In the parable of the "the Centurion's Servant", how long did it take for the servant to heal from his illness**

a) 2 days b) on the day c) a week later d) he didn't heal

10) **Name a Christian activist who made a difference using Jesus' teaching in his work?**

a) Mahatma Gandhi b) Malala Yousafzai c) Pandurang Shastri Athavale d) Desmond Tutu