

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

How do Christians decide how live? What would Jesus do?

Sometimes his  
(Jesus) stories  
act like rules for  
living

When sowing  
the seed he  
was saying  
Christians  
need to open  
their hearts to  
receive God

We looked at choices that people have to make  
and consider what different types of people  
would do in these situations.

We tried to understand why some Christians'  
make their decisions on how to live by discussing  
Jesus' parables and teachings.





Foundation for Living: The Wise and Foolish Builders, Matthew 7:24-27

We discussed why some Christians' use this story as a foundation for living.

If Christians don't listen to Jesus they may think they will be swept away like the house.







Christians interpret the Bible differently. Here are four responses to the miracle stories.

1

Jesus was a miracle-worker because he was God in the flesh. Christians today should also pray for healing miracles – Jesus is still alive and God is the same today as he was then. He can heal, and he does too.

2

Jesus was a miracle-worker and the son of God, so we should worship him. However, healing can take place through applying modern medicine too – and that is another way God heals today. Prayer is important, but so is using our skills and knowledge.

3

The stories of Jesus' miracles are not to be taken literally: the writers wanted to show how special Jesus was. Today we need to look for a spiritual meaning rather than a literal one. Here, Jesus shows that anyone can come to Jesus and be given new spiritual life.

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Jesus did not heal everyone who was ill in Galilee when he was on Earth. Not everyone is healed when Christians pray – illness and dying are part of life. Jesus does promise the spiritual healing that forgiveness can bring – healing a person's relationship with God.

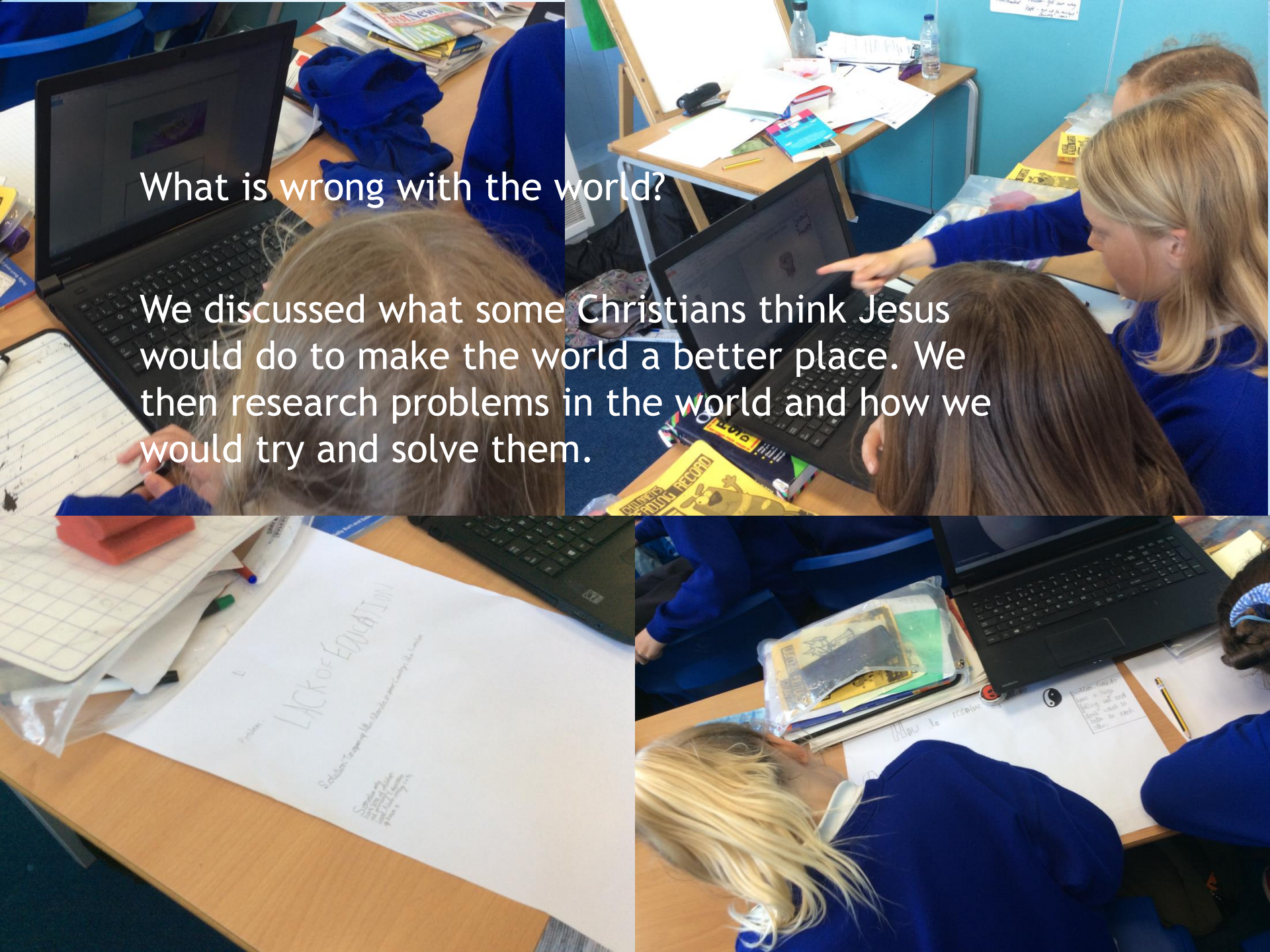
Imagine two Christians talking about the story of the healing of the centurion's servant (Luke 7:1-10). They want to try to put Jesus' good news into action in the world today. How should they do that?!

**SKETCH OUT THEIR CONVERSATION, TAKING TWO OF THE VIEWPOINTS GIVEN ABOVE**

**'Good news'**

We looked at the 'big story' in the Bible to see who received the 'good news.' We then looked at healing stories from the Gospel text and debated how some Christians' interpreted these.





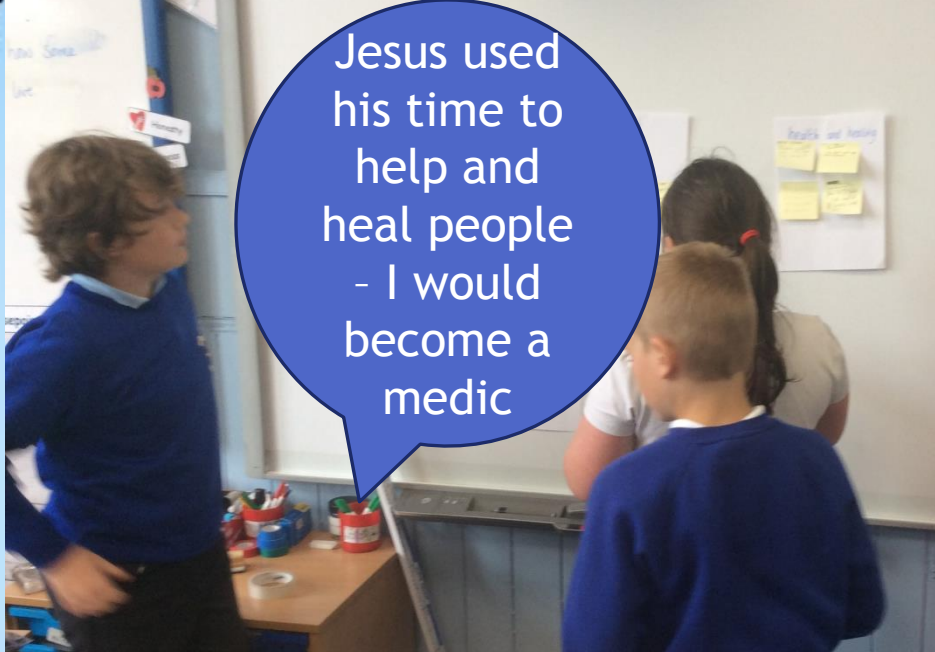
What is wrong with the world?

We discussed what some Christians think Jesus would do to make the world a better place. We then research problems in the world and how we would try and solve them.

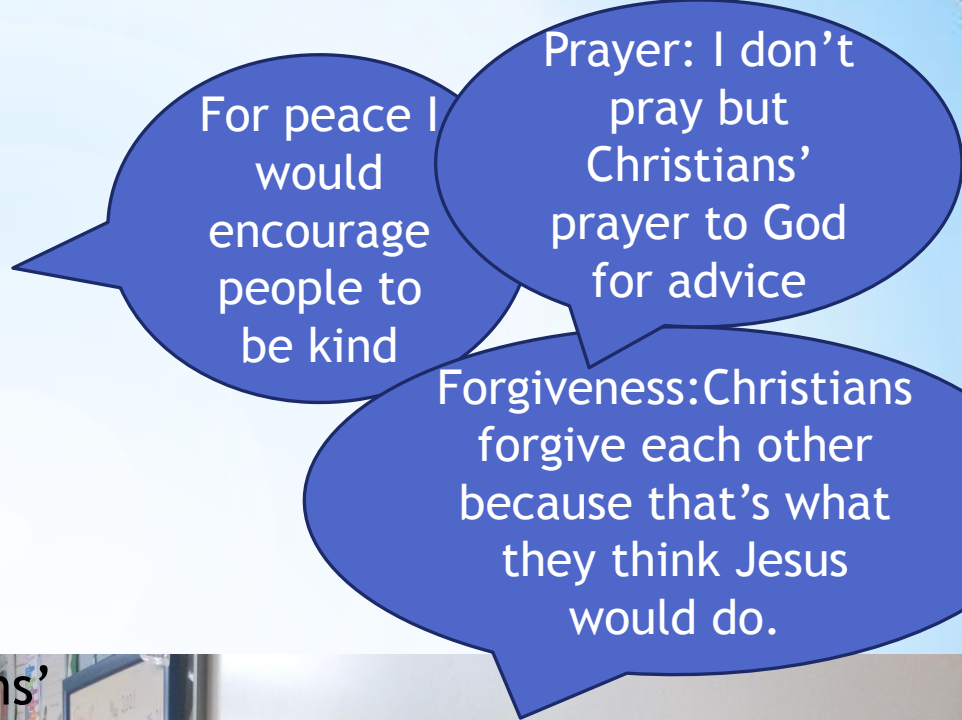
Problem: LACK OF EDUCATION

Solution: To ensure the children in poor countries have access to education and a better future.





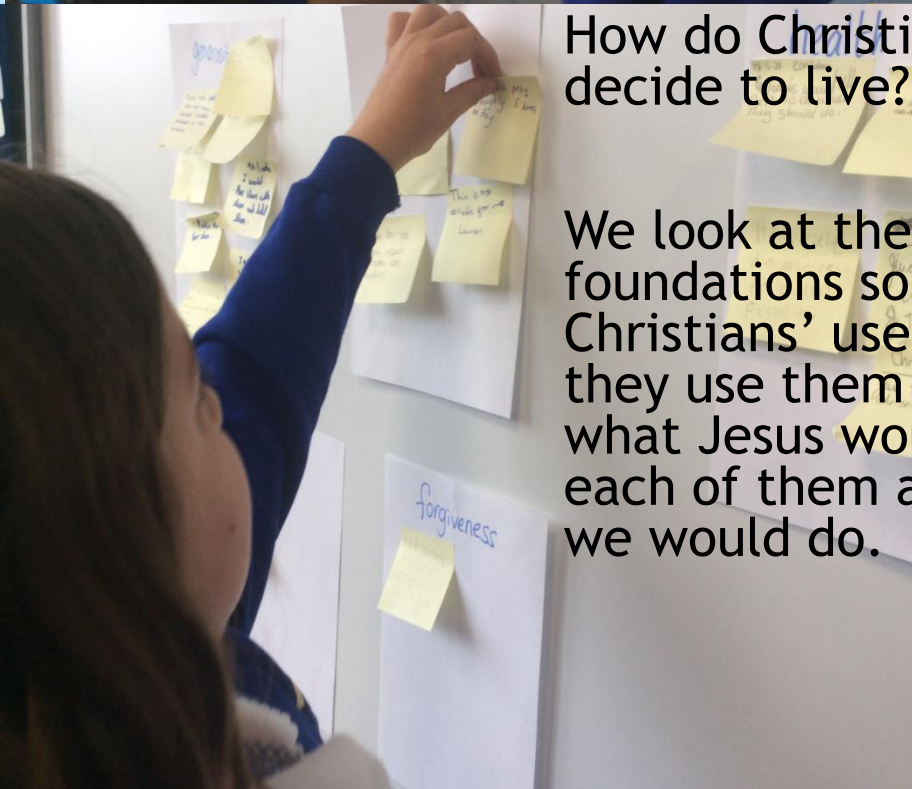
Jesus used his time to help and heal people  
- I would become a medic



For peace I would encourage people to be kind

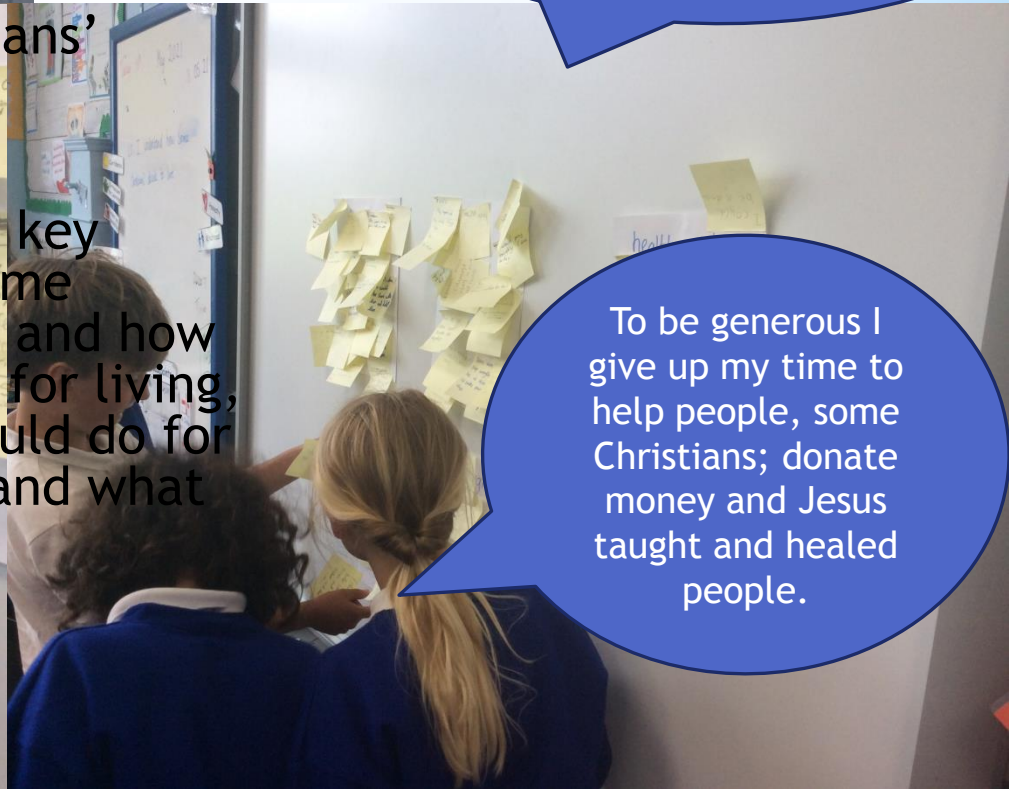
Prayer: I don't pray but Christians' prayer to God for advice

Forgiveness: Christians forgive each other because that's what they think Jesus would do.



How do Christians' decide to live?

We look at the key foundations some Christians' use and how they use them for living, what Jesus would do for each of them and what we would do.



To be generous I give up my time to help people, some Christians; donate money and Jesus taught and healed people.



## Knowledge within Christianity

Christians believe the good news is not just about setting an example for good behaviour and challenging bad behaviour: it is that Jesus offers a way to heal the damage done by human sin.

Christians believe that they should bring this good news to life in the world in different ways, within their church family, in their personal lives, with family, with their neighbours, in the local, national and global community.

To explain connections between biblical text.

## Skills

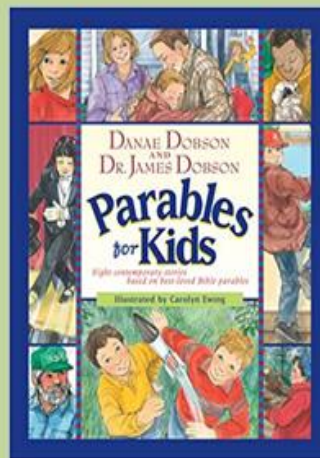
Identify features of gospel texts.

Compare own ideas with that of Christians'.

Suggest meanings of Gospel text.

Articulate own responses of issues studied.

## Exciting Books



## Our Endpoint

How do some Christians' decide how to live?

## Subject Specific Vocabulary

### Parable

a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, as told by Jesus in the Gospels

### Peace

freedom from war and violence, especially when people live and work together happily without disagreements

### Generosity

the quality of being kind and generous

### Gospel

Good news - a section of the Bible

### Healing

the process of making or becoming sound or healthy again.

**SMSC:** Spiritual – recognise, appreciate and appraise impact biblical text have on individual lives Moral – understanding the implications of text studied, consider challenges they arise. Social – to know all readers offer a different perspective of the text they read and be able to handle and accommodate this diversity. Cultural – understand core concepts and that