

Focus Question: How does Matthew describe the Kingdom of God?

To create my own parable through the use of my own experience.

HOM- Creating, imagining and innovating.

WHITE HAT: What is a parable?

WHITE HAT: What parables do we know? How do these parables make comparisons to the Kingdom of God?

Just as Jesus told parables drawing on the life experiences of his contemporaries, you are going to create your own parable by drawing on your experiences in school:
eg:

My school playground is like the kingdom of heaven when we are helpful, kind and caring to each other. When we follow the rules we are all happy and safe like it is in God's kingdom.

When we break the rules, we hurt others and are unhappy. Our playground no longer feels safe - it no longer feels like the kingdom of god.

WHITE HAT: How is this like a parable?

WHITE HAT: What does it compare the Kingdom of God to?

RE LESSON 3

Think carefully before you respond:

What would it be like to live in *God's kingdom*?

Is it hard to build *God's kingdom*?

Do you think we have *God's kingdom* here now (in our school/class) How and why?

What are the biggest barriers to building *God's kingdom* in society?

What changes in attitude would we need to see in society in order to bring about *God's kingdom* to our world today?

Who do you know around you who works for *God's kingdom*?

Is their belief (faith) the reason they do this?

How do you know? How can you tell?

What aspects of faith are evident in their actions?
