

Why Parables?

Storyteller- #1

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...he taught them many things by using stories.

Matthew 13:3 (CEV)

Jesus used stories when he spoke to the people. In fact, he did not tell them anything without using stories.

Matthew 13:34 (CEV)

The followers came to Jesus and asked, "Why do you use these stories to teach the people?"

Matthew 13:10 (ERV)

Why does Jesus use parables so often?

1. Jesus uses stories to hold my attention.

"...I use stories when I speak to them because when they look, they cannot see, and when they listen, they cannot hear or understand. ..."

Matthew 13:13 (CEV)

2. Jesus uses stories to reveal and conceal.

Jesus answered, "You have been chosen to know the secrets about the kingdom of heaven, but others cannot know these secrets."

Matthew 13:11 (NCV)

Later, when Jesus was alone, the twelve apostles and others around him asked him about the stories. ¹¹ Jesus said, "You can know the secret about the kingdom of God. But to other people I tell everything by using stories..."

Mark 4:10-11 (NCV)

3. Jesus uses stories to change my life.

"...They might really understand in their minds and come back to me and be healed. ..."

Matthew 13:15b (NCV)

"...I assure you that many prophets and many of God's people wanted very much to see what you see, but they could not, and to hear what you hear, but they did not. ..."

Matthew 13:17 (GNT)

I can be blessed by the stories of Jesus...

➤ **When I am willing to listen, and learn.**

"...For the minds of these people have become stubborn. They do not hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. ..."

Matthew 13:15a (NCV)

"...But you are blessed, because you see with your eyes and hear with your ears. ..."

Matthew 13:16 (NCV)

"...To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them. ..."

Matthew 13:12 (NLT)