

Storytelling

What are some of your favorite stories? Not just ones from literature: what about stories about your family? Or nursery rhymes? Or Fables?

What is it about those stories that you enjoy?

Do you ever learn anything from stories? Like something about a family member or maybe something about trees or animals?

Stories are a big thing in the Bible. When Jesus is talking, he often will tell stories as a way of teaching. We see an example of this in Matthew 18: 21-35. Take a chance to read it.

What is Jesus talking about in this story?

Where do you see yourself in this story?

In what ways are you the ruler, forgiving things that are above and beyond what is expected of you?

In what ways are you the servant who had his debts forgiven only to not return the favor?

Stories help us understand themes and messages because we can see ourselves in the narratives. This is a story about forgiveness, but it is also a story about who we are as people.

As you go through this week, make sure that you keep this story in mind as you interact with other people.