

Parable Devotion

Talk to the girls about what parables are and why Jesus told them. Then complete the following exercise.

Cross out each x and z to reveal a secret message...

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zx3zx5zxzx

Revealed message:

Jesus used parables to tell all these things to the crowds; he would not say anything to them without using a parable. He did this to make what the prophet had said come true. "I will use parables when I speak to them; I will tell them things unknown since the creation of the world.

The girls can then get into 4 groups.

Give each group a book of the Bible; Mathew, Mark, Luke or John.

Ask them to find as many parables as possible, then present one to the whole group.