

# Telling Jesus Stories

Everyone likes to listen to stories. Jesus could tell stories in a magnificent way and used them to share truth in a provocative, intriguing way. We want the people who listen to us to be deeply touched by stories about Jesus, that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. By telling Jesus stories and asking questions about the stories, you will not enter into an "us vs. them" debate, but you will share the truth and let the listeners discover what it means with the help of the Holy Spirit.

## **Become a master in listening, asking questions and telling stories!**

### **Learn how to share stories**

- Read the story from the bible for yourself.
- Grab a piece of paper and fold it in 4 parts.
- Draw the story in 4 images.
- Gather in twos and share the story to each other. Switch. Repeat three times. A lot of practice helps you to tell the story easily. It will become second nature.

### **Share stories with others**

- 1) Say: "I have read something in the bible", or "I have read these words from Jesus" or "I would like to tell you a story."
- 2) Tell the story with the simple images.
- 3) Tell the story again but leave blanks and let other people fill in.
- 4) Let someone else (head of household) share the story.
- 5) Ask questions:
  - a. What did you like about the story?
  - b. What didn't you like about the story?
  - c. How can you obey?
  - d. With whom will you share this story?

### **Notes**

- Keep the story short and concise.
- Use body language to share the story (for example: Act it out). Use different tones in your voice.
- Remain as true to the original Bible text as possible. Use common language and not "old" English.
- Don't leave details out.
- Thank the people who have retold the story.
- When people miss elements from the story ask questions. (E.g. What did the youngest son do before he returned to his father? He repented.)