

Unit Title: What do Christians believe about God?

Lesson 1 Objective:

To understand metaphors.

What is a Metaphor?



A metaphor is a figure of speech that is used to make a comparison between two things that aren't alike but may have something in common.

It is not meant to be taken literally!



It's raining cats and dogs.

It's not really raining cats and dogs - it means it is raining really hard.



All these greetings cards are for the same occasion. What do you think they are for?

Sorry to hear
you're under
the weather



**TOO BAD
YOU'RE
FEELING
BLUE...**



*Hope you
bounce back
soon!*



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Can you think of any other metaphors?



Religions use metaphors too. There are lots of them in the Bible. See if you can work out what these Christian metaphors mean.

Jesus is the
light of the
world.



God is my rock.



You will be
fishers of men.



Jesus is the lamb
of God.



Jesus is the light
of the world.



Christians believe that Jesus came to the world to release people from their sin and to give them eternal life. The metaphor of Jesus as a light symbolises the change from living in the darkness of sin to the light of freedom and forgiveness.

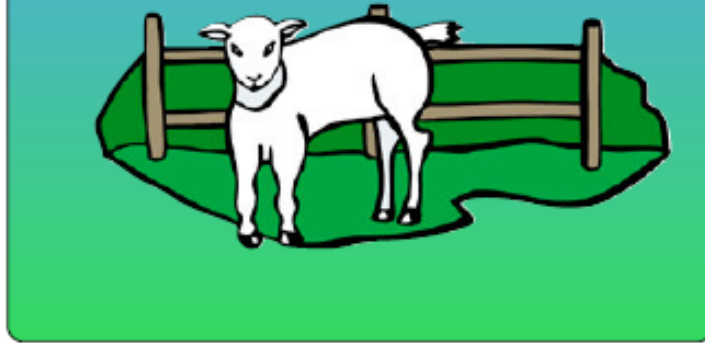
God is my rock.



A rock is something that is constant and always there. It is sturdy and reliable, just like God.



Jesus is the lamb of
God.



The image of the lamb symbolises many things for Christians. In the Old Testament, people used to sacrifice lambs to God as an offering, in the same way as Jesus sacrificed his life for the world. The lamb also symbolises new life.

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Jesus met some friends who were fishermen. They decided to follow Jesus and his teachings. Jesus told them not to fish for fish anymore, but instead to become fishers of men. In other words, he wanted them to gather people to follow him instead of gathering fish.

You will be fishers of men.



Activity Time!

Follow the instructions on the worksheet.

