

Caroline Haslett Primary School – RE

**Topic: Unit 5 - Authority;
Jesus; Gospel; Obedience;
Trust; Faith**

Year 3

**Does Jesus have authority
for everyone?**

Knowledge

Some Bible stories show Jesus exerting authority: Jesus in the temple, calling the disciples, stilling the storm, money to Caesar, call of Zacchaeus.

Christians trust and obey Jesus particularly because of the authority he shows in stories of the New Testament.

For Christians today, the words of Jesus are often quoted as their authority; many aim to be Christ-like in their behaviour, but the Old Testament and the actions and writing of the New Testament writers are also treated as sources of authority.

Not everyone accepts the authority of Jesus.

Vocabulary

- **Authority** – power, telling people what to do
- **Disciple** – a follower of Jesus
- **Faith** – complete trust
- **Gospel** – the account of Jesus’ life and work
- **Jesus** – the man that Christians believe was the son of God
- **New Testament** – The second part of the Christian Bible with stories of Jesus
- **Obedience** – doing as you are told
- **Old Testament** – the first part of the Christian Bible

Activities

- Looking at various pictures of authority figures, identify whatever they have in common, and come up with a class definition of authority.
- Look at some of the events in Jesus’ life that show his authority to Christians: Jesus in the temple, calling the disciples, stilling the storm, money to Caesar, call of Zacchaeus. Investigate these events through picture, discussion, drama and hot-seating.
- Role-play different possible scenarios about following instructions from authority figures. Do different people have different amounts of authority? Is it always right to obey people with authority?



Skills

- Retell a story that shows the authority of Jesus, suggesting how a Christian might understand the story
- Give some reasons why Jesus has authority for Christians
- List some of the qualities that a person of authority needs to have
- Suggest reasons why authority matters in society
- Ask and answer questions about the events in Jesus life, that show his authority