



<b>Tough teaching from Jesus</b>	<b>KS2</b>	<b>No. of lessons: 2</b>
<b>Learning objectives:</b> To learn about some teachings of Jesus and apply them to 21 <sup>st</sup> century living. To be able to look up Bible references. To understand that Christians base their lives upon the teaching of Jesus. To begin to explore their own guiding principles of life.		
<b>Questions for reflection:</b> Is Jesus' teaching relevant to today (up to date or old fashioned)? Is it easy to be a Christian, or tough? What message is the world waiting to hear from me?		
<b>Activities and experiences:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Use the <b>REJesus website</b> on the smart board to look at some well-known sayings of Jesus which have been turned into text messages. Read some of them and check you have the right meaning against the Bible (There are ten messages; if you scroll to the end of each one you will see the Bible reference.) Discuss what people might think if they suddenly got a message like this on their mobile phone – would it be a good idea for Christians to share Jesus' message in this way?</li><li>◆ In pairs share some of the original Bible verses from the website exercise. This can be as Bible reference work or using printed out quotations. Ask: <i>what does this mean? Is there anything you don't understand, or questions you want to ask? What would the world be like if everyone followed this teaching? Are they realistic?</i> Every pupil should have the opportunity to look at several verses. Follow up on issues raised.</li><li>◆ Invite pupils to decide upon their own messages for the world and turn these into text messages. (Or set them another saying of Jesus to attempt) You could record these as a display of mobile phones (drawings!) showing their messages. Pupils should be given the opportunity to justify their own messages, and challenge others, in a class debate. What about getting some of the adults of the community (including the vicar) to add messages to the display and even join the discussion? Although you may have to help them when it comes to the texting.....</li></ul> <p><i>The references used on the REJesus website are (in order 1-0): Lord's Prayer, Matthew chapter 7 verse 7, Luke chapter 15 verse 7, Luke chapter 6 verses 20-23, Matthew chapter 28 verse 20, John chapter 8 verse 12, Matthew chapter 18 verses 21-22, Matthew chapter 5 verses 13-15, Mark chapter 10 verse 25, Luke chapter 6 verses 27-35. Other verses you could use include: Luke chapter 12 verse 6-7, Luke chapter 14 verses 8-11, Luke chapter 17 verse 6, , Mark chapter 9 verse 40</i></p>		
<b>Websites:</b> see text messages from Jesus at <a href="http://www.rejesus.co.uk/expressions/r_father/index.html">http://www.rejesus.co.uk/expressions/r_father/index.html</a> if you haven't got a smart board you can print out the individual messages instead (right click on the interactive phone and print).		