**Stories from the Gospel of Mark**

This scaffold has been designed to address the keyword **EXPLAIN**. In your school diary there is a glossary of keywords, locate the definition for explain and write it below.

**Explain:** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Once you have completed the table, complete the questions below.

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| **Biblical Passage** | **What is the climactic event that leads to a change occurring in the story?**  [A climatic event is often the most exciting part of the story where the build up of the story/plot is resolved] | **What are the effects of this event on the people involved in the story?** | **What message can we gain from this story?** |
| [The Good Samaritan](http://www.missionarlington.org/pdfs/OT-1YR-22-BaalamsDonkey.pdf) Luke 10: 25-37.  **SAMPLE RESPONSE** | The part where the Samaritan has pity on the beaten man and helps him generously. | He satisfies the crowd and the man of law with his response.  They learn about the reality of *‘who is their neighbour’* and the role of compassion. | To assist those in need.  Whoever you help is your neighbour and we should consider all people to be our neighbour.  To be compassionate. |
| **Jesus calms the storm** Mark 4: 35-41. |  |  |  |
| **Jesus forgives and heals a paralysed man**  Mark 2: 1-12 |  |  |  |
| **Jesus heals on the Sabbath**  Mark 3: 1-6 |  |  |  |
| **The widow’s offering**  Mark 12: 38-44 |  |  |  |

**Table 1**

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| **Explain** why the message contained within the story is relevant for today’s society. | |
| **[Cause]**  **The message – What is the message of the story?** | **[Effect]**  **Its relevance to society – Why is this message still important for today’s society?**  **\* What is it about the message specifically, that has this effect?** |
| **SAMPLE RESPONSE**   * To assist all people, most compassionately, regardless of who they are and where they come from. | **SAMPLE RESPONSE**   * This message is still relevant today because people still judge others unnecessarily. * People still need the assistance of others. * People still ignore those in need and pass by the other side. |
| **Combine the information from the tables to answer the question in paragraph form.**  **Have you included:**   * *How this lesson is drawn from the bible story (Table 1 Column 2).* * *The effect this story had on the people involved (Table 1 Column 3).* * *What the message of the bible story is – be specific (Table 1 Column 4 & Table 2 Column 1).* * *How this message is relevant for today’s society (Table 2 Column 2)* * *Quotes from the bible passage to support your statements.* | |
| **FOR YOUR FINAL RESPONSE YOU MUST:**   * Make a detailed reference to at least **three** of the parables from Table 1. * Have a minimum of 800 words. * Follow the directions from the purple box above. | |

**Table 2**