

bible zone - key stage 1

Welcome pupils to the zone and remind them of your name.

Aims

In this zone we're going to:

- discover why the Bible is important to Christians
- hear one of the stories in the Bible

Discussion – stories (2-3 minutes)

'Once upon a time...' *(pause)*. What were you expecting? (A story.) What kind of stories do you like best and why? *Prompt with a few examples if necessary, eg scary, happy, sad, mystery, fairytales.*

Jesus and the Bible (2 minutes)

The Bible is a special book for Christians. There are lots of different stories in the Bible and Christians read them to help them know how to live and what to believe about God. Lots of the stories are about things that happened in history and about people who believed in God and followed him.

If you are using the Good Samaritan parable, say - the Bible also has made-up stories which people told to teach important lessons. Jesus told these special kinds of stories - they are called parables. I'm going to tell you one of Jesus' parables now.

Alternatively, if you are using the optional Creation Story say - I'm going to tell you a story from the first part of the Bible about how the world was created.

Godly Play story (15 minutes)

Invite children to sit on the mats in a circle and encourage them to become calm and focus on the story. They should put their pupil books and pencils etc behind them so that no one is distracted.

Tell the story using the Godly Play materials. The story is followed by wondering questions. (See Godly Play scripts.)

Response time (3-6 minutes)

*Keep the calm atmosphere as you invite the children to respond to the story. In your pupil book (page 2) I would like you to write or draw something which shows what the story was about, or perhaps how the story made you feel, or what it made you think about. It's your very own response, nobody else's. *If possible, allow children to find**

their own quiet space in the room to do this. Point out where to take the colouring pencils etc from and where to return them. (See 'About Godly Play' for further suggestions and guidance on the response time.)

Put the Godly Play materials back in the box and bring pupils back into the circle.

Summing up (3 minutes)

In this zone you have heard and thought about a story from the Bible and you have responded to the story in your own way. Why do you think the Bible is so important to Christians? *Show the children your own Bible and explain simply why it is important to you and how you try to follow its teachings.*

