

August 2025 – Amazing Children of the Bible

Please note Bible stories and themes may occasionally differ from this overview.

Throughout August we see examples of many amazing children who were part of God's great story. Their stories show us how they were **kind, loving, faithful, patient** and **good**. We explore how, by the help of Holy Spirit, we can show those fruit as we join in with God's great story.

Session 1

2/3 August

Aim: To discover how a little girl helped God bring healing, and to be curious about how we can talk about God

Bible ref: 2 Kings 5:1-10

Today's fruit

Love and **kindness** is demonstrated by Namaan's servant girl when she told him what God could do.

A compassionate servant

Today we learn about a young girl who was a servant in Naaman's house. She knew Naaman was unwell and urged him to visit a prophet called Elisha, a pupil of Elijah, who could do miracles. News about Elisha had spread, especially among people who needed help like General Naaman. Naaman had a skin disease called leprosy which stopped him from going near other people. In this story, a little girl's actions helped someone come closer to God.

Naaman's servant girl was faithful to God, even when she had to serve her master in a place she didn't know. She had been taken from her home and family and served in Namaan's home. As she spoke about God's prophet, she inspired Naaman to look for the one who could bring healing. She showed respect and kindness to her master and love for God.

Think about

The servant girl showed compassion for Namaan's situation and offered information she thought might help him. She could have chosen not to help, because Namaan had taken her away from her family. She decided she would help him, which took grace and courage. God can do amazing things – and with his help, so can we! We can be part of God's amazing story in lots of ways. One way is by sharing about our faith and what we believe God can do, just like the little girl.

Is there anyone you know who always shares stories about their relationship with God? Have you ever heard of people giving their testimony? I wonder how we could let others see what our relationship with God is like? I wonder if you've ever told anyone about your experience of God?

The little girl showed love and kindness. When God's Holy Spirit is helping us, we can show the same things. Are there situations you know of that need us to show love and kindness? I wonder if there are opportunities where you could show love and kindness this week? Can you think of one person or place?

Session 2
9/10 August

Aim: To explore how a boy helped Jesus, to consider his faith and willingness, and to reflect on how we can reflect God's goodness

Bible ref: John 6:1-15

Today's fruit

Goodness is demonstrated by the boy who shared his food and by what Jesus did with it.

A small offering

Many people followed Jesus as word spread about his ability to perform miracles, such as healing the sick. On one occasion, near the time of the Passover feast, so many people followed Jesus that it became a crowd of 5,000 people. Jesus asked one of the disciples, Philip, how they would feed such a large crowd, but Philip knew you would have to work for a year to get the wages to buy enough bread for them all.

Then another disciple, Andrew, met a boy who had five loaves and two fish, but he knew this was a ridiculously small amount and not nearly enough food for such a crowd. Nonetheless, Jesus thanked God for the food and began to share it out. It was a miracle – everyone had enough to eat. Not only that, but Jesus also told the disciples to gather up all the leftovers, so nothing went to waste.

What can it look like for us to share what we have with Jesus? In what ways does God still bless and multiply today?

The boy trusted that his picnic was going to help. He had the same child-like faith of the Kingdom that Jesus encouraged in every believer. The boy didn't know what would happen but still gave willingly. It would have been easy for him not to share, but when he did, Jesus was able to show God's goodness through that offering and bless thousands!

Think about

Philip knew that work and wages were needed to feed the crowd, but that it would take far too long. Andrew saw a different way through. Are you more like Philip or Andrew? What work would you like to do one day?

Why do some people thank God for their food? How can children make a difference to the world?

Have you ever been told, 'It's good to share'? What do you think? Why might sharing have been important in today's story?

We don't know much about the boy in the story; only that he was probably there to listen to Jesus, and that he gave his food away to the disciples. It could have been easy for him to keep it to himself, but he chose to give what he had to Jesus.

I wonder how the boy felt when Jesus used his food to feed thousands of people? Do you think God still uses what we offer to share? Are there any parts of your life or things you have which you could offer to Jesus?

God shows us goodness in many ways – you might remember thinking about this when we looked at Psalm 23 a few months ago. The boy showed goodness as he gifted his food to Jesus. As the Holy Spirit helps us, we can show goodness to God and others too. How do you think we can show God's goodness to others? Can you remember any examples of how we can choose to love God and love others? Can this reflect goodness?

Session 3**16/17 August****Aim: To learn to listen for God and be curious about how we can 'hear' God****Bible ref: 1 Samuel 1:26-28; 3:1-11,19****Today's fruit**Samuel showed **patience** as he listened to Eli and to God.**A whispered name**

A boy called Samuel lived with Eli, a high priest, because his mother Hannah had promised God that he would be a priest one day too.

One night Samuel was woken up by a voice calling his name. He thought this was Eli – but when he went to him, Eli was confused: he had not said anything. This happened three times before Eli suggested that it might be God calling, and that Samuel should reply, 'Speak, Lord. I am your servant, and I am listening.'

So Samuel did this, and then God gave him a very difficult message for Eli: God would punish Israel for everything it had done wrong, including Eli's own family. Eli was sad at this, but it was only the first of many messages God would give to Samuel, who grew up to be a ruler of Israel known for telling the truth.

God had big plans for Samuel, and he would grow up to know God. But it all started with Samuel learning to know what God's voice sounded like.

It can be difficult to determine whether we are really hearing or feeling God, but spending more time praying / reading the Bible is a great start. Just like Samuel, we could also have important people in our lives who can share their wisdom and experience of who God is and what he might be speaking to us about.

Think about

This session is really about listening for God. Have you ever heard from God or felt God guiding you to do or say something? It's sometimes difficult to know what to do, but we know when we trust God, he'll help us to understand what the right thing is to do. We often have other people who can help us understand God too, just like Eli.

I wonder if you have any people in your life who help you to understand things? Are there any grown-ups you know and trust who can help you if you're not sure what God is saying? Perhaps saying 'Here I am, Lord!' each day is a good place to start. Eli advised this, which reminds us about good teachers and people who want to support us.

I wonder how many ways people can 'hear' from God? Do you think it's only with our ears? What other ways do people feel God speaking to them?

We are all made differently, which means people know God is speaking to them in different ways – through silence, music, pictures, other people, a feeling in their body or mind, and lots of other ways too. How do you think you might hear God speaking to you?

Samuel showed patience, not just by waiting, but also by trusting God's timing. With the Holy Spirit's help, we can be patient, knowing that God knows what he's doing and cares about us all deeply.

Session 4**23/24 August**

Aim: To explore the story of David and Goliath and to see how God anointed David when he was a child

Bible ref: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 17:4-16,32,38-40,48-51

Today's fruit

David showed **faithfulness** by trusting that God would look after him when he faced Goliath.

A shepherd anointed

God directed a man called Samuel (the same person from last week's session) to travel to Bethlehem and find a shepherd boy called David, whom God wanted to be the next king after Saul.

King Saul often fought against the Philistines because they were constantly invading Israelite territory. One day the Philistines were led by a man twice the size of the others; he was known as Goliath from a place called Gath.

Saul's army were afraid to fight against him, but David stepped forward. David was brave and trusted in God. As a shepherd, he had killed lions and bears when looking after his flock of sheep, so he had a sense that God would look after him too.

Saul offered his armour to David, but it was too big. Instead, David faced Goliath with his usual simple weapons – a slingshot and five smooth stones. One stone struck Goliath in the head, and he fell to the ground. Using the giant's own sword, David then cut off his head and the Philistines fled away seeing that the Israelites and David had won.

In both parts of this story, David was the unlikely candidate. But God chose him because God knew that David loved him. It was a long wait for the throne, but God used David many times to make a big impact in God's amazing story.

Think about

Today's story has two very different important parts. It is about Samuel following God's direction to find and anoint a child who would one day be a great king who loved God. It is also about the victory of a brave young person who trusted that God would keep him safe.

King Saul was no longer listening to God, so God sent Samuel to find the next king. Samuel was expecting to find someone handsome and strong – people thought kings needed to look a certain way. So Samuel was surprised when God sent him to find a young shepherd boy, but God knew he was the one.

God wasn't concerned how old David was, because he was looking at his heart. It was what was on the inside that mattered to God.

I wonder how David felt when God chose him? Do you think he felt ready to be king one day? I wonder how you might feel if you were told you'd rule a country when you grew up?

When Goliath was threatening the Israelite soldiers, David decided to put his faith in God. He believed God would protect him and keep him safe. Do you think that was an easy decision? I wonder if there are times in our lives when we have to trust God. How does that feel?

When God's Holy Spirit helps us, we can show faithfulness by trusting that God will always be with us. How can we practise trusting in God?

Session 5**30/31 August****Aim: To see how Miriam helped keep Moses safe by being brave****Bible ref: Exodus 2: 1-10****Today's fruit**

Miriam acted out of **love** and care for the baby. How can we act in love and therefore show God's love to others?

A brave sister

Because he was afraid the Israelites would grow too strong and rebel against him, Pharaoh made a new rule of only allowing baby Hebrew girls to live. While this rule was in place, a Levite woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She hid him for three months, but when she couldn't hide him any more, she got a basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch to make it float. Then she placed the baby in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the River Nile, and his sister stood close by to watch over him.

Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her attendant to get it. She opened it and found the baby crying. She felt sorry for him. She recognised he was one of the Hebrew babies.

Then the baby's sister came out and asked Pharaoh's daughter if she wanted her to find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby. Pharaoh's daughter agreed, so the girl went and got the baby's mother who took back her baby and nursed him. When the child grew older, she took him back to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses.

This part of God's great story is far from easy to understand. However, despite the terrible circumstances, we can still see God working through those who loved him.

Think about

Because Pharaoh was afraid that the Israelite slaves would try to take over, Pharaoh made a new rule to try and control them and how many of them there were. The rule was that you could only have baby girls, which meant any baby boy that was born was in danger. When one Israelite baby, who we know as Moses, was born, his family had to think of a plan to keep him safe. His mother made a safe basket to hide him in, and his sister Miriam watched over him.

Have you ever had to keep something safe? Did you like having responsibility for looking after something? How do you think the baby's big sister felt?

When Pharaoh's daughter found the baby, his sister came out from where she was hiding and offered to help. She had to be brave, and because of her bravery the baby was able to be reunited safely with his mother. Why do you think she offered to help? How do you think she felt?

Miriam gives us another example of how a child helped God in his amazing story! She showed bravery, faithfulness and love. When we are close to God and the Holy Spirit is helping us, we can show love in lots of ways, just like Miriam did. What might this look like?