



Age 5-6

Note: any activities involving photographing pupils must have parental permission.

Background information for

Meet the Curtis family

- The pupils are introduced to the Bible through the Curtis family. Pictures of the family can be printed from the presentation and used to create a display and as talking points.
- The King James Bible is introduced as 'Grandad's Bible'. The family are celebrating because Grandad's Bible is 400 years old in 2011. The time span (400 years) is difficult for this age group so just communicate an impression of age.

Background information for Grandad's Bible Psalm 23:1-2

- Psalm 23 is introduced in different forms: Grandad's King James Version and Ben and Eva's children's Bible. Rolling over words gives an explanation.
- This is known as a 'psalm of David'. This is the same David that fought Goliath.
- David was a harp player and a shepherd in his early years. The psalms are poems that were probably sung in early Jewish

worship. They are still used in worship by Christians and Jews. Many people will know this psalm as the theme music for the Vicar of Dibley.

- Jewish shepherds led sheep, they did not drive them or use dogs.

Background information for using a shoebox story

- A shoebox story has all the props needed to tell the story within the box. The box is covered with suitable paper reflecting the nature of the story. The paper might reflect the mood of the story or it might reflect some of the content of the story.
- The fact that the story is in something that looks like a gift box reflects the Christian belief that the stories of the Bible are like a present from God and they have something to say to people today.
- You will need to gather your props before the session and cover the shoebox. You can deliver the script yourself or it can be done with one person moving the figures and another person reading.
- Encourage pupils to join in.
- The pupils can replay the story but all items must be child-safe.



- The shoebox story can be told on its own or can be followed or preceded by the more straightforward retelling of the Bible story (provided).
- Within each story a phrase or saying from the King James Bible that has come into English is embedded in the text. This can be followed up after the story.
- The shoebox stories were written for particular age groups but they are flexible.

Background information for the Good Samaritan

- There are two phrases from the Bible embedded in this script: 'from time to time' and 'to pass by on the other side'.

'From time to time' comes from 1 Chronicles 9.25 and has come to mean 'sometimes', 'now and then'. 'To pass by on the other side' comes from Luke 10:31 has come to mean 'to ignore the suffering of others.' Talk with pupils about using this phrase.

- The road between Jerusalem and Jericho is very steep and robbers used to hide along the track. Most travellers did not travel alone.
- The first two travellers were a Priest and the Levite (a helper from the Temple). They may have been worried that they would be attacked. Touching a dead body would have made them ritually impure and unable to do their work at the Temple. The Bible is clear, however, that

responding to another person's need outweighs other concerns in God's eyes.

- There had been a feud between the Samaritans and the Jews for hundreds of years.

Websites

www.teachers.tv/video/22291 Video of this parable being used in an infant class and comments on using parables

www.request.org.uk/teachers/resources/ideas/samaritan01.htm Ideas for teachers for pupil activities about the Good Samaritan

www.request.org.uk/infants/jesus/samaritan/samaritan01.htm Visual story with questions for pupils to respond to

www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/storybags Resources for telling stories including the Good Samaritan

Signs can be added to stories:

www.christiansigns.co.uk/public/search.php Database of signs associated with Christian worship

www.britishsignlanguage.com/ Moving pictures for basic signs

Resources

L Rock and A Aycliffe, *My very first Bible* (Lion)

M Barfield (ed), *Big Bible Story Book* (SU)

T Dowley, *My very first Story Bible* (Candle Books)