



R.E. LESSON PLAN - WATFORD SCHOOLS TRUST

LESSON TITLE Bible stories – Deborah	LEARNING STAGE KS1	WST TEACHER/DATE Mrs Tricia Bastable/ Mrs Johanna Jordan/ Mrs Fiona Penny
AIM: To learn the Bible story of Deborah LEARNING OBJECTIVE: To understand what Christians believe about God using the old Testament story of Deborah.	MAIN AREA/S OF LEARNING (Herts R.E. Agreed Syllabus 2017-22) Beliefs and practices Sources of wisdom Other AOL covered:	LESSON RESOURCES WST will bring: PowerPoint (USB) Story book of Deborah Bible-adult and children's copies Worksheet to photocopy and gems to decorate with. School to provide: Photocopies of worksheet Colouring pencils

Introduction

Introduce the idea of the Bible as a special book to Christians because it tells them what God is like.(show Bible) It doesn't describe what God looks like but it does tell us what his character is like; that he is caring and kind and loves everyone.

The Bible is in two parts, the Old Testament about God and his followers and the New part which tells us about Jesus and the people who followed him. Today we're going to look at an Old Testament story that shows us what God is like. It's a story about a woman called Deborah. What rules do you have to follow? Brush teeth, go to school, say sorry if you hurt someone, listen to your adults, hold someone's hand when crossing the road. Deborah was a judge, in fact she was the most important judge. She was very wise. She helped make the rules and when people broke the rules or argued over the rules she would help them sort it out. Deborah was a friend of God. She listened to Him and sometimes He gave her special messages- prophecies. Her job was to pass on these messages from God so that people could act wisely just like she did.

Story

Tell the story of Deborah using a story book (i.e. Deborah and the Very Big Battle) and a PowerPoint.
Discuss what happened to Deborah and Barak

Ask:-

- How do you think God felt when His people stopped listening to Him? How do you feel when you are not listened to?
- Where did Deborah sit to solve everyone's disagreements?
- I wonder how Deborah felt when she was told God would help Barak defeat Sisera's army?
- Who did Barak ask to go with him to the battle field?
- How do you think the Israelites felt when they were on the top of the hill?
- What did Deborah and Barak do once the army was defeated?

- What does this story tell us about God?
- What other things can we learn from the story?

Because Deborah trusted God and spoke up for Him, God's people were given victory in battle.

Rhythm game When Deborah saw what God had done she sang a song of praise. Listening and putting what we've been asked to do into action isn't always easy. Rhythm game- listening and repeating clapping patterns.

Plenary

In the story Deborah was wise, she listened to other people and helped them make good choices, but the wisest thing she did was that she listened to God and trusted Him. Christians believe that they can talk with God any time, anywhere and about anything. Christians believe that God will help them to make good choices even when it's not easy if they just ask.

Activity

Explain the worksheet (draw the tree Deborah sat under and decorate her scarf, write 1 sentence about what happened the sentence could begin 'When Deborah listened to God...').

Extension/enrichment activities

Explore the Children's bible

Deeper Questions - Possible follow up/class discussion suggestions

What helps us make good choices even when it's not easy?

Class teacher's notes

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