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Teaching ideas and resources for Junior students.

Contributed by Rev Philippa Young, Chaplain at Hadlow Primary School, Masterton.

Godly Play (most suitable Y1-4)

Godly Play is a specific approach that is very creative. The sessions include a presentation, wondering questions, and a creative response. Philippa says it is so epic, she's experienced some great sessions, and finds it nourishing herself. She likes how it respects the spirituality of the child. It is time consuming to make the resources and you do need to memorise a script to make it worthwhile but if you have a goal to add a box a term slowly building up the resources over time. Philippa said if schools were prepared to share resource boxes (via courier) that would be awesome.

Philippa recommends <http://www.barefootbooks.com/> for sustainably produced children's books

The Strandz website <https://www.strandz.org.nz/> was an excellent Lenten resource. Check out resources for Pentecost at <https://www.strandz.org.nz/pentecost.html>

Curriculums from Sparkhouse

<https://www.wearesparkhouse.org/store/category/286737/Children>

Philippa subscribes to the Holy Moly curriculum for her Year 3-4 classes. The video clips are quite brilliant. There are 2 lesson plans (K-2 and 3-4) and Philippa casts her eye over both to discern which activities are best to suit her students.

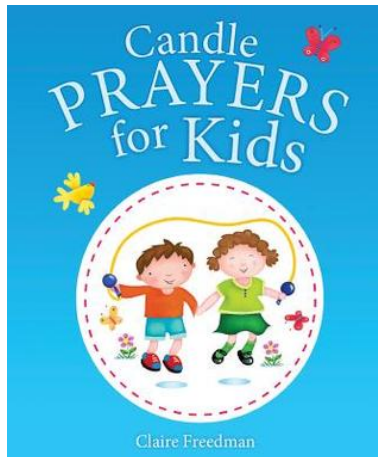
Philippa sometimes uses Connect for her Y5-6 students. She finds it can have too much bible for one session and it can be heavy on Q&A so she chooses which questions to ask. The students get attached to the characters in the video clips as they have the same characters as Holy Moly.

Contributed by Rev Alison Stewart, Chaplain at Huntley Primary School, Marton:

Veggie Tales Alison finds that students from all different year levels across her Year 3-8 school love watching Veggie Tales. The '**Heroes of the Bible**' series have bible stories that are suitable within a lesson (they are 20 minutes long).

<http://www.veggietales.com/>

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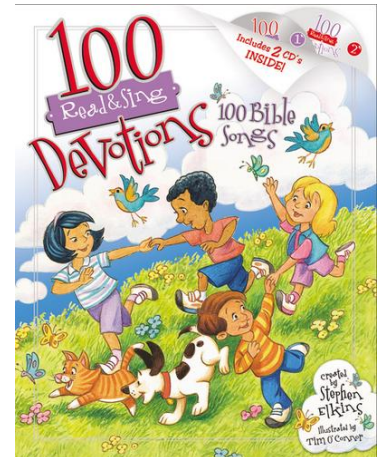


Teachers from St Matthew's use and recommend:

Candle Prayers for Kids by Claire Freedman (2014)

100 Read and Sing Devotions by Stephen Elkins (2011) Comes with 2 CDs

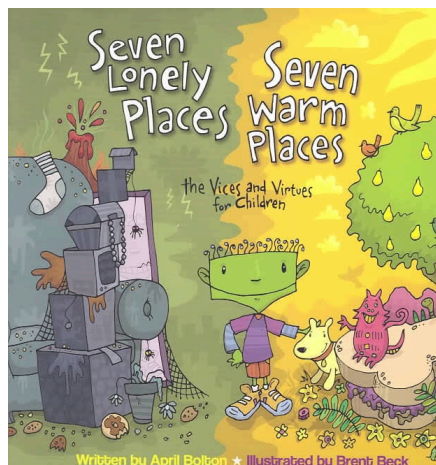
Both can be found on-line



Contributed by Rev Neale Troon, Chaplain Southwell School, Hamilton

recommends the Lost Sheep series written by Andrew McDonough. Contemporary picture books. Year 3-4 students will love the humour in these books.

<https://www.lostsheep.com.au/stories-overview/>



Seven Lonely Places: Seven Warm Places

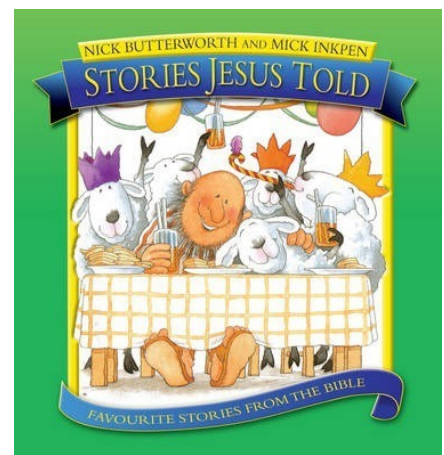
Written by April Bolton
Vices & Virtues for children

Simple text describes what it can be like to commit the seven deadly sins, such as greed being followed by an empty feeling, and to live seven virtues, such as knowing that God will make things better when one has hope.

Stories Jesus Told by
Nick Butterworth and
Nick Inkpen

This omnibus edition

includes eight of Jesus' best loved stories. Children relate to stories and there was never a better storyteller than Jesus. With delightful illustrations and easy to read text, this is an ideal introduction to this simple, short and often very funny stories, sharing truth, love and wisdom with young children. The omnibus edition features eight of Jesus' best loved stories: The Two Sons, The House on the Rock, The Little Gate, The Ten Silver Coins, The



Precious Pearl, The Good Stranger, The Rich Farmer and The Lost Sheep. Titles can be purchased individually.

Resources and ideas contributed by Rev John Goodwin, Chaplain at King's Primary School, Auckland.

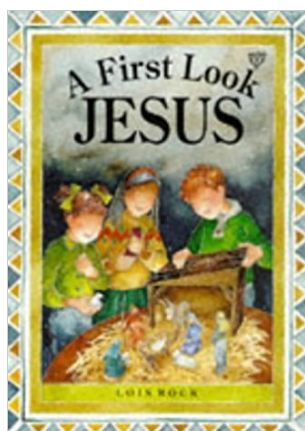
Book: **Tulevai and the Sea** by Joy Cowley

Message: God's love for you is so great - even more than the mother of Tulevai.

Book: **The Hurt** by Teddi Doleski

Synopsis: Holding onto emotional hurts or bad feelings can grow to a point where they can negatively impact our well-being. Talking with people we trust, saying what we don't like to others, letting go and offering forgiveness are healthy options.

Biblical concepts: created by God, right relationships, when things go wrong, trusting, forgiveness



A great book for this age group is **A First Look Jesus** by Lois Rock (1994) Lion publishing.

There are 13 double-page spreads, each explaining a key idea about a topic. An everyday theme is taken that children should recognize and understand through the simple words and pictures. This introduction forms the basis for explaining the key information about Christianity. Frequently, there is a quote or paraphrase from the Bible. There is also an introductory spread and a closing spread. The latter provides a summary and ideas for finding out more through reading suggested Bible extracts. This book is an exploration of who Jesus is and how he transforms the world, through the imagery that the New Testament provides.

Click here to find used books for sale through Amazon

[First-Look-Jesus-Lion](#)

A Chapel Unit: What happens in a chapel? Eg weddings, baptisms

Activity idea: Have a photo of the outside of your chapel - cut in half so that it can open like 'doors' on a photo of the inside your chapel underneath. Students could make their own 'opening chapel' in their book and add labels.

Parable of the Sower. Use the school grounds to observe different soils and places where plants grow to set the scene. (There's a great little powerpoint or flipchart to tell the story at http://www.ebibleteacher.com/children%20flip%20charts/sower_flipchart.html)

Great for boys:

A Joseph Unit (Map of Joseph's journey to Egypt <http://www.ebibleteacher.com/node/71>)

A Moses Unit

Jesus the boy - Jesus growing up. What was it like to be a boy back then? Resource book: **A First Look Jesus** by Lois Rock (1994) Lion publishing (see above)

Paul the writer

Escape from Damascus [student picture](#)

St Francis [possible worksheets](#)

Lambsongs Website: This website has a Values Series of Print Free story booklets for children: www.lambsongs.co.nz

The stories are written by Jill Kemp and Illustrated by Richard Gunther

Honesty: The Emperor's Seed, Chinese Folk Tale

Caring, Kindness: The Man who Shared his Jumper

Caring, Kindness: Random Acts of Kindness

Caring, Culture, Being Inclusive: Suli the Boy who was different

Junior DVDs recommended

Hermie A just like Jesus story - Max Lucado

The Star A Tale of Faith and Friendship (Christmas) up to Year 5