



MUST KNOW BIBLE STORIES

stories worth exploring

Daniel and the Lions' Den

First Level - Session 1



Session 1 - Hear and Explore the Story

Experiences and Outcomes	Benchmarks
<p>Through exploring Bible stories, I can describe some beliefs Christians have about God and Jesus. RME 1-01a</p> <p>By exploring some places and investigating artefacts, I am developing my knowledge of Christian beliefs and my awareness of the role of Christianity in Scottish society and the world. RME 1-01b</p> <p>I can talk about my own beliefs or express them in other ways. RME 1-01c</p> <p>Having explored biblical and other Christian stories, I can show my developing understanding of key values of Christianity and how they might be put into action in people's lives and communities. RME 1-02a</p> <p>I can describe the key features of the values of Christianity which are expressed in the stories. RME 1-02b</p> <p>I am developing respect for others and my understanding of their beliefs and values. RME 1-07a</p>	<p>Describes, discusses and expresses an opinion with at least one reason on at least one belief from Christianity.</p> <p>Describes and discusses at least one personal belief and at least one example of how own beliefs might affect actions.</p> <p>Describes and discusses at least one value from Christianity, illustrating how this value could be put into practise.</p> <p>Describes and discusses at least one personal value and at least one example of how own values might affect actions.</p>



Suggested Learning Intentions

- Children will become familiar with the Biblical account of Daniel and the Lions' Den.
- Children will identify a Christian belief found in the story.
- Children will listen to and explore a Christian story.
- Children will discuss a Christian story showing respect for each other's beliefs.



Suggested Success Criteria

- I can demonstrate my knowledge of the story by identifying the characters in the story and matching dialogue from the story to the correct character.
- I can tell you 2 things I have discovered about the character of God in this story. With support, I can identify these as Christian belief.
- I can tell you where the account of 'Daniel and the Lions' Den' is found.
- I can listen actively and respond appropriately demonstrating respect for other's beliefs and values.



Resources Required for this Session

Children's Bible.

Story script and props. (available in additional resources) or 'Daniel and the Lions' Den' PowerPoint (downloadable at bibleworld.co.uk/resources)

Images of characters. (use the images found in the 'Daniel and the Lions' Den' PowerPoint)

Dialogue from story. (available in additional resources)



Key Points from the Story

Christians believe

- The story of Daniel is in a special book called the Bible.
- God saves his people.
- God hears his people when they pray and answers them.

- God is more important than anything else.
- They should pray (talk and listen to) God.
- God will protect them and help them.



Notes

- Please remember that it is the intention that this learning is extended into other curricular areas as described in the introductory document.
- Suggested amounts of time per activity have been included. This is a guideline.



Activity

1. Show the children a children's Bible and tell them you're going to tell them a story from it. Then ask:

Q: Who can tell me the name of this book?

A: The Bible

Let's all say that together. 'Bible'

Q: Does anyone know what we call people who believe the Bible is a special book?

A: Christians

Let's all say that together 'Christians'

Q: Does anyone know why Christians think is this a special book?

Accept answers and then affirm/give answers. They might be:

Christians believe that God and Jesus exist and the Bible is about them. They can learn more about God and Jesus by reading it.

- They believe it's true.
- They believe that God wrote/inspired it.
- They believe that God speaks to them through it.
- They believe it helps them know what God wants them to do.

Our story today is from the Bible. It will help us understand more about what Christians believe. **5 minutes**

2. Tell them the story of Daniel and the Lions Den. You can find a script for an active retelling of the story in the additional resources. Alternatively download this PowerPoint of images 'Daniel and the Lions' Den' (at bibleworld.co.uk/resources) to help you tell the story. **10 minutes**

3. Ask the children which part of the story was their favourite? Ask them to identify the characters in the story and make a list together. **5 minutes**

4. Who said what?

Place a picture of each character (Use the pictures from the PowerPoint of images 'Daniel in the Lions' Den') around the room. Ideally children should be able to move to each character. Read out some dialogue from the story and ask the children who they think said that. They should move to the image of the character they think said that dialogue. (see additional resources for a list

of dialogue to read) 10 minutes

5. What have we learned about God?

Explain that one character we've not thought about is God. Can they think together, what did God do in the story? What was he like? How would they describe him? Brainstorm together. Try to draw out the points mentioned in the key points above. Remind the children that all this is what Christians believe. 5 minutes

6. Yes/No quiz

Reinforce what they've learnt about Christian belief in the story by asking them the following questions. Encourage them to put their hands on head if they think the answer is yes and to touch their toes if they think the answer is no. Reinforce Christian belief as you reply to their answers. 5 minutes

- Does God help Daniel in his job? yes
- Does God ignore Daniel when he prays? no
- Does God let Daniel get eaten by the lions? no
- Does God listen to Daniel when he prays? Yes, Christians believe God listens when they talk to him.
- Does God rescue Daniel from the lions? Yes, Christians believe God protects and rescues them.
- Does God send an angel to help Daniel? Yes, Christians believe God is in charge of angels.
- Does Daniel only talk to God when he's got time? No, he talks to God three times a day. Christians believe praying, talking to God is important.
- Does Daniel think God is more important than the king? Yes, Christians believe God is the most important person. They must always do what he says.