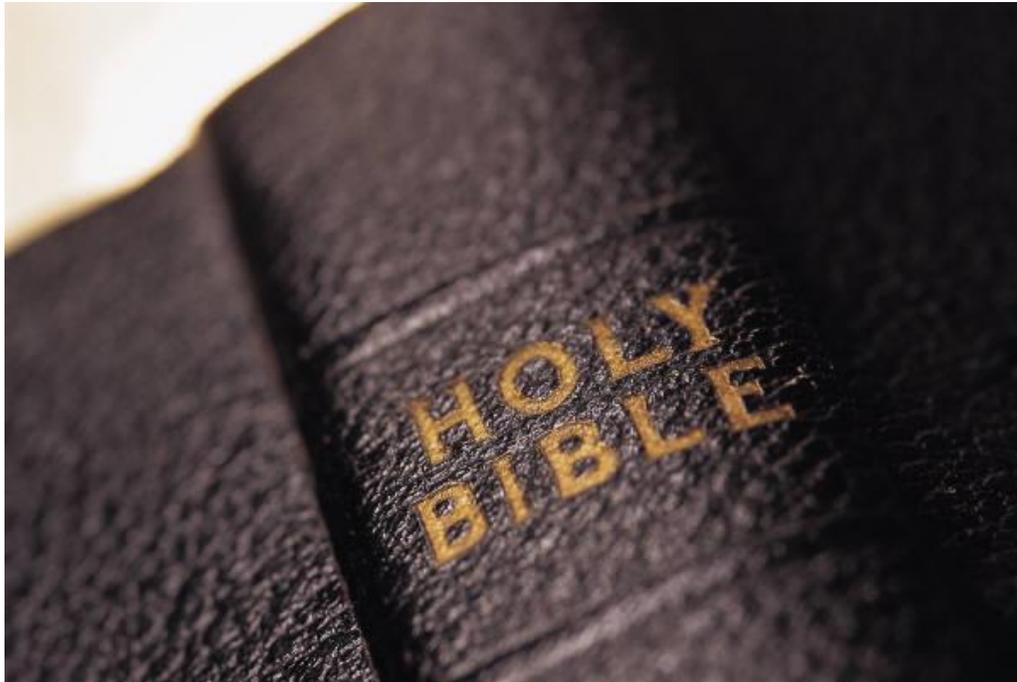


A Year with the Bible

Text, Impact, Connection



Reading and reflecting on the words of
scripture across the Diocese

Dear Friends,

These resources were developed as a part of the celebration in the Diocese for the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, in 2011. High schools joined with primary schools to take part in a challenge to read the whole of the bible in a year.

The event was a wonderful success across the Diocese which brought our family of schools together to reflect on the impact the bible has on our lives today. The primary schools used the Lion Storyteller Bible; it did not preclude the high schools from using this resource if wanted to, however a variety of bible translations and versions were used, which included the Youth Bible, and The Message, to mention but two.

‘Reading the Bible together across the Diocese’ gave everyone, especially our young people, a greater understanding of the concept that Christian teachings are sourced from the whole of the bible. Right from the beginning, God had a plan and a purpose. The theme of God’s love is constant throughout and the bible is full of amazing people whose actions and lives have inspired people of faith across history and continue to impact on our lives today. As well as some much loved stories, this resource included some of the less well known ones.

This resource can be used at any time as a part of a 5 year cycle of prayer and reflection in your worship programme. Just include the bible story and these themes and ideas for the week, one day during the week, as part of your Collective Worship. There are gaps in the calendar and adjustments to take into account holidays, exam times and the Christian calendar to allow you to fit around school and church planned events. You can then use the themes for that day and on other occasions too. You can use a section of the story, outline a key verse or develop the theme giving your own synopsis of the story. It’s up to you. The themes, ideas and starting point enable you to design your worship bespoke to your context. **We have also included possible websites for resources to aid delivery/planning.**

Lisa & Helen

Autumn 1 – Old Testament

Week Beginning 	The Story (Text) 	Possible Themes and Ideas (Impact, Connection) 
Week 1 September	A Brave and Mighty Man The story of Gideon: Judges 6-7	Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ God has a plan ○ Trust ○ Being brave ○ An impossible task ○ Sound waves transmitting God’s power Ideas for starting points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Piece of loud trumpet music. How would you feel if you heard this.....give different scenarios ○ Discussion about the destructive nature of sound and sound waves –the mosquito deterrent noise ○ Discussion about bravery ○ A seemingly impossible task for the pupils to try ○ The Cube – TV program
Week 2 September	Ruth Finds a New Home The story of a foreigner: Ruth 1-4	Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Loyalty and friendship ○ A special story with its own book in the bible ○ Being in a new place – new classes at the start of the term ○ Putting others before yourself ○ Emigrating ○ Asylum Ideas for starting points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Family tree of the people of God ○ Personal experience of moving to a new place ○ The Brownie/ Guide Law – Think of others before yourself and do a good turn everyday ○ Film-Blindsight: adopting a stranger ○ TV programme – Who do you think you are?
Week 3 September	Elijah and the Ravens Elijah in hiding: 1 Kings 16-17	Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ God is the true God ○ God cares ○ God provides Ideas for starting points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bread – where did this bread come from? ○ Story of St Roch- dog brings bread daily- how strange or is it? ○ A picture of a raven ○ A bird feeder - birds feeding a man instead of

		<p>the other way round that is strange.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What is God like? ○ Film: The Birdman of Alcatraz
Week 3 September	<p>A Jar and a Jug Elijah and the widow: 1 Kings 17</p>	<p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trust ○ God provides ○ Miracles ○ Promises <p>Ideas for starting points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Food shortages – food production ○ Grow your own food ○ A jar and a jug ○ Would you share your very last portion of food with a stranger? ○ Flour and oil – what happens when I’ve used all this up? Not in this story! ○ Food shortages in Britain ○ Salvation Army homeless campaign ○ Potatoes for school project 2012 ○ Jamie Oliver School Dinners: T V Series
Week 1 October	<p>God Sends Fire Elijah and the prophets of Baal: 1 Kings 18</p>	<p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Obedience ○ God is the true God ○ Faith & Trust <p>Ideas for starting points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This is a great story for drama ○ Pour water over a stone and a piece of wood. Will this catch fire? ○ What do you put your faith and trust in? e.g. football teams, fashion, politicians ○ Witnessing worm: Faith & Trust ○ Is Christianity under attack in the 21st Century? ○ Have you ever been let down by someone or something you believed would always be there to help and support you? ○ A visible faith – the World Cup and the success of ○ The faith of Lucy in the Chronicles of Narnia

<p>Week 2 October</p>	<p>Hezekiah Trusts God A miracle of healing: 2 Kings 20, 2 Chronicles 32, Isaiah 38</p>	<p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Miracles ○ Loyalty ○ What makes a good king? <p>Ideas for starting points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Loyalty Cards/schemes/points/ladder ○ A king's crown ○ The two messages from Isaiah in an envelope ○ Shadows and the position of the sun. Can we change them? ○ What makes a good leader? ○ What famous person, living or dead, do you admire for their courage, inspiration, or leadership? ○ Do you believe in miracles? ○ What evidence is there that miracles happen in the 20-21st Century? ○ The Chronicles of Narnia ○ Film: The King's Speech ○ Film clip from Saving Private Ryan: Captain John H Millar tells them he was a teacher
<p>Week 3 October</p>	<p>Down the Well The Story of Jeremiah: Jeremiah 38</p>	<p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Courage and determination ○ God always knows where we are <p>Ideas for starting points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A rope made of clothes ○ A picture of a well – what do you think is at the bottom of the well? ○ Where do you usually sit and wait for something?

Autumn 2 – Old Testament

Week Beginning 	The Story (Text)	Possible Themes and Ideas (Impact, Connection) 
Week 4 October	The Boys Who Liked to Say No Four boys who kept God’s rules: Daniel 1	Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Following God’s rules ○ Loyalty – who are you loyal to? ○ Doing the right thing, not the easy thing ○ God never forgets us Ideas for starting points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Keeping promises ○ What are God’s rules? ○ A big plate of vegetables ○ What have God’s rules and a plate of vegetables got in common? ○ Forgetting things – this morning you thought you had everything you needed but
Week 1 November	The Men Who Liked to Say No The story of the fiery furnace: Daniel 3	Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Courage ○ Doing the right thing ○ Friendship Ideas for starting points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A golden statue – could this statue be God? Why not? ○ Picture of a fiery furnace.
Week 2 November	Daniel and the Lions Daniel in the lions’ den: Daniel 6	Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Loyalty ○ Prayer ○ Worship Ideas for starting points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An Angel – what do angels do? ○ PowerPoint of pictures of lions – what are the characteristics of lions? ○ A cuddly toy lion ○ Several Daniel storybooks, it’s a very well-known story. ○ A crown – who is truly our King/Lord?

Some useful website resources

Sound deterrent:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/6iltshire/content/articles/2006/04/04/mosquito_sound_wave_feature.shtml

St Roch: <http://saintspreserved.com/roch/roch.htm>

http://4.bp.blogspot.com/_914mkCvoigU/Sogn0j5Xacl/AAAAAAAAAJw/1FhxnFTKxmE/s400/Saint_Roch.jpg

Food shortage in Britain: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1024833/Nine-meals-anarchy--Britain-facing-real-food-crisis.html>

Grown your own: <http://www.potatoesforschools.org.uk/>
<http://www.timemoneyandblood.com/HTML/posters/british/grow-food.html>

Faith: Witnessing worm:

http://www.powerpackministries.co.uk/shop/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/135x135/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/f/i/file_2_2.png

Christianity in 21st Century:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/haveyoursay/2010/12/is_christianity_under_attack.html

Loyalty ladder: http://www.gapcentral.gapbuster.com/customerloyalty/images/img_loyalty.jpg

http://www.isocube.co.uk/index.php/marketing/blog_item/the_customer_loyalty_ladder/

What makes a good leader: <http://www.project-management-skills.com/image-files/what-makes-a-good-leader.jpg>

<http://www.alumni.hbs.edu/bulletin/2001/february/img/leadershipillus.gif>

Do miracles happen today: Papal visit: Cardinal Newman's miracle cure: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-11186584>

Thrown down a well: TV & Film tropes and idioms:

<http://tvtropes.org/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/Main/ThrownDownAWell>

Films:

The King's Speech: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1504320/>

Chronicles of Narnia

The Birdman of Alcatraz: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0055798/>

Saving Private Ryan: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0120815/>

TV programmes:

Countryfile: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/gardening/digin/>

The Cube: <http://www.itv.com/entertainment/thecube/>

Music:

When you believe: Whitney Houston & Mariah Carey. From the film Prince of Egypt

Spring 1 – Old Testament

Week Beginning 	The Story (Text) 	Possible Themes and Ideas (Impact, Connection) 
Week 1 January	In the Beginning The story of creation: Genesis 1-2	Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New beginnings – awesome power ○ Living in the light ○ Caring for the environment ○ Creativity – we can be creative ○ Created in God’s image Ideas for starting points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bag for life ○ Wind up torch ○ Awesome pictures of creation ○ Extinct creatures – World Wildlife Fund ○ A gift box with a globe inside
Week 2 January	Washed away The story of Noah & the Ark: Genesis 7	Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ God is the most important ○ Faithfulness ○ Power of water Ideas for starting points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planks of wood & nails – who can build a boat? ○ Pictures of flooding and floods: Australia ○ Rescue service literature/charities ○ A team working together
Week 3 January	Living by faith The call of Abraham: Genesis 12,15, 17-18, 21	Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trusting God & prayer ○ Obedience ○ Laughter ○ Moving to a new place Ideas for starting points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Milk and honey ○ A night sky ○ A family tree ○ Book of baby names with meanings ○ What makes you laugh?

<p>Week 4 January</p>	<p>Finding our mission The birth of Moses: Exodus 1-2</p>	<p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Secrets ○ God has a plan for all of us - Vocation ○ Destiny <p>Ideas for starting points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Careers/Job Centre leaflets & adverts ○ Pictures of famous leaders as babies e.g. the Queen, Prime Minister, Barak Obama etc. ○ Picture/ object linked to the story
<p>Week 5 January</p>	<p>The Burning Bush The call of Moses: Exodus 3-4</p>	<p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Holy Ground - respect ○ Obedience and trust in God ○ Courage <p>Ideas for starting points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A pair of shoes/sandals ○ Shepherd's crook ○ Pictures of the burning bush plant ○ Clip from Prince of Egypt animated film ○ Occasions when young people have shown courage – Tilly Smith story
<p>Week 1 February</p>	<p>The Great Escape The story of the exodus: Exodus 7-14</p>	<p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Freedom: of thought and action ○ Slavery and freedom ○ Rescue <p>Ideas for starting points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Film: The Great Escape ○ Prisoners of Conscience ○ Chains – Amnesty candle ○ Packing in a hurry, what would you take? ○ Discuss the work of Amnesty International ○ Fight against modern slavery/sex trade: Stop the Traffic
<p>Week 2 February</p>	<p>A Long Journey Moses leads his people through the wilderness: Exodus 16-40</p>	<p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moaning and complaining – why? ○ Learning to suffer/sacrifice ○ Trusting God ○ Good rules to follow <p>Ideas for starting points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Map, compass, walking boots & back pack ○ Poster of school rules ○ Picture of Mount Sinai, the desert and wilderness – What would life be like living here?

Some useful website resources:

Awesome pictures of creation: <http://sciencelay.com/astronomy/the-10-most-awesome-pictures-taken-from-outer-space/>

Amnesty International: <http://www.amnesty.org.uk/>

Amnesty Candle: http://www.amnesty.ca/about/history/historyimage04_large.jpg
Black & Gold Ppt : <http://www.bdeducation.org.uk/shop/high-schools-powerpoint-s/>
Floods: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-pacific-12102126>
Friends of the Earth: <http://www.foe.co.uk/>
Free bible illustrations: <http://www.freebibleillustrations.com/main.php>
You tube clips Prince of Egypt: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixE5ar11cZ4>
You tube clip Tilly Smith: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0yrONL1Q3g>
Picture of Mount Sinai (Horeb): http://images.travelpod.com/users/trentrollings/egyptuk-2006.1166554560.mount_sinai.jpg
The Great Escape Film : <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0057115/>
Stop the Traffic: <http://www.stophetraffic.org/language.aspx>
World Wildlife Fund: http://www.wwf.org.uk/what_we_do/index.cfm
World leaders' youth pictures: <http://www.crookedbrains.net/2007/08/world-leaders-youth-pictures-george-w.html>

Spring 2/Summer 1 – New Testament

Week Beginning 	The Story (Text) 	Possible Themes and Ideas (Impact, Connection) 
<p>March/April (these weeks change according to the liturgical Calendar- stories here can be split across Holy Week and the first week after the Easter holiday)</p>	<p>The Great Parade The story of Palm Sunday: Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, John 12</p> <p>An Important Meal The Last Supper and a betrayal: Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, John 13</p> <p>A Dreadful Day The story of Good Friday: Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 19</p> <p>A Happy Day The story of Easter: Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20</p>	<p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Celebration ○ Joy ○ Sadness ○ Sacrifice ○ Atonement ○ God’s love ○ Remembering ○ New life <p>Ideas for starting points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Objects representing each part of the story ○ Paintings depicting the events ○ Films e.g. Chronicles of Narnia – Aslan, Twilight, Independence Day, Saving Private Ryan – “Did I live a good life?” ○ Easter hymns & music ○ Would you lay down your life for a friend? A stranger? Under what circumstances?
<p>Week 1 May 2011</p>	<p>On the Road to Emmaus A resurrection appearance: Luke 24</p>	<p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jesus is alive ○ Blasphemy ○ Hospitality – brings rewards ○ Confusion to clarity ○ A charitable heart <p>Ideas for starting points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is seeing believing? Do we have to experience something personally to believe? Can you misread situations? ○ Pictures showing objects from unusual angles ○ TV Classic: X Files clips & music ○ Scenario being stopped in the street by a roving reporter from BBC News. Ask the pupils questions so that they recount the Easter story as they understand it ○ Charitable heart: latest research into heart disease British Heart Foundation slogan
<p>Week 2 May</p>	<p>The Storm on the Lake Jesus calms the wind and waves: Matthew 8, Mark 4, Luke 8</p>	<p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chaos and calm ○ Fear to peace ○ Trust <p>Ideas for starting points:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A fishing boat – Have you ever been in a storm at sea? What do you think it would be like out at sea in a storm? ○ A picture of Lake Galilee ○ A sound clip of a storm – What can you hear? How do you feel? ○ Tsunami ○ A film clip of a storm: Perfect Storm.
Week 3 May	<p>The Good Shepherd The parable of the lost sheep: Matthew 18, Luke 15</p>	<p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ God loves everyone ○ God knows each one of us ○ God cares for us like a good shepherd <p>Ideas for starting points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A toy sheep ○ A picture of a shepherd ○ A picture of sheep in a sheepfold ○ Lambing Live: BBC Series ○ Would you ever consider being a farmer or a shepherd? ○ Do you think it is possible for a shepherd to know each one of his sheep? ○ How can a shepherd know each one of his sheep? ○ A discussion about looking for something important that was lost then found ○ What reasons do we have for having a party?
Week 4 May	<p>The Pharisee and the Tax Collector Jesus speaks about prayer: Luke 18</p>	<p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prayer ○ No-one is better than anyone else ○ God listens to everyone ○ Being honest ○ Listening skills <p>Ideas for starting points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Picture of a famous sporting personality. Is he/she better than you? No, they are better at sport but not better than you. ○ What are the key skills to be a good listener? ○ Two prayers written on card <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The prayer of the Pharisee 2. The prayer of the Tax Collector Don't tell the pupils the author of the prayer. Just read them and ask the pupils which one is the better person. Then tell the story and discuss.

Some useful website resources:

Blasphemy? Tell the tale: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oR2Tda51Gog&feature=related>

Easter top 50 collection from TES: <http://www.tes.co.uk/article.aspx?storycode=6010382>

Easter Story in paintings: <http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/easter-story>
Saving Private Ryan Picture: <http://www.empireonline.com/features/young-and-old-casting/11.asp>
XFiles: <http://www.xfiles.com/>
Charitable Heart: British Heart Foundation: latest campaign – “He’s not just a fish he’s hope.”
<http://www.bhf.org.uk/>
The Perfect Storm: <http://perfectstorm.warnerbros.com/>
Tsunami information: <http://ptwc.weather.gov/>
A day in the life of a Shepherd: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/money/2009/may/02/shepherd-work-and-careers>
Lambing Live: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00yc131>
Sheep pictures: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/tv/features/lambinglive/aps/sheep.shtml>
National Sheep Association:
http://www.nationalsheep.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=0&Itemid=5
The Dale: <http://www.hello-yorkshire.co.uk/blog/tag/the-dales-itv>
Sporting Heroes: <http://www.sporting-heroes.net/>
How to listen well: http://www.ehow.com/how_5680202_listen-listen-well.html

Summer 2 – New Testament

Week Beginning 	The Story 	Possible Themes and Ideas 
Week 1 June	Goodbye at Last Jesus appears to his friends: Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20	Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jesus is alive ○ Saying goodbye How? Language? ○ Jesus makes a promise Ideas for starting points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A big net of fish with quotes from famous people for saying goodbye: link to prayer activity ○ A picture of a campfire – have you ever eaten beside a camp fire? ○ How do you feel when you have to say goodbye to someone special? Muppets in Manhattan clip – Hospice advice/ in another language ○ After Easter what do you think the disciples did next? ○ A globe – who spread the word about Jesus?
Week 2 June	The Helper Arrives Pentecost: Acts 2	Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Holy Spirit with us always ○ God’s power ○ Beginning of the Church worldwide Ideas for starting points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Who helps you? ○ Are you anybody’s helper? ○ Waiting for something that has been promised ○ Saying hello in lots of languages ○ How do you learn languages? ○ Birthday candles ○ Sing in another language e.g. Taize or Iona (Wild Goose)

<p>Week 3 June</p>	<p>The Beautiful Gate Peter and John heal a lame man: Acts 3</p>	<p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A beautiful gate – where does it lead? ○ Giving the best you have ○ Miracles ○ Ugly made beautiful <p>Ideas for starting points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Picture of one of the gates into the city of Jerusalem ○ A begging bowl ○ A discussion empathising with the man (You could hot seat the healed man.)
<p>Week 4 June</p>	<p>On the Road to Damascus Paul’s conversion: Acts 7-9</p>	<p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete transformation ○ Changing your mind ○ Believing <p>Ideas for starting points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cake ingredients before and after – total transformation! ○ Saul did not believe, he needed to experience before he would trust and believe. To explain this you could use an object e.g. a toy car in a box – tell the children what is in the box. A car! Do they believe you? Why? Why not? They trust you, you can show them. A real car would be impossible but there was a car in the box. ○ A bar of chocolate. It tastes good, do the children believe you? ○ A story book – this is a great story, do the children believe you?
<p>Week 1 July</p>	<p>Tabitha Wakes Up Peter heals a good woman: Acts 9</p>	<p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WWJD? What Would Jesus Do? ○ Always doing your best to help ○ Friendship <p>Ideas for starting points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A WWJD bracelet ○ A pile of clothes to be mended – who will mend these? ○ Show the children the book of Acts so they can see where in the bible this story can be found
<p>Week 2 July</p>	<p>The Earth Shakes Paul and Silas in prison: Acts 16</p>	<p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Paul’s adventures ○ In prison for God – there are many people who still today are in danger of going to prison for doing God’s work ○ Freedom <p>Ideas for starting points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Taking advantage of people and situations at other people’s cost

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chains and a torch ○ Wrap/tie a child up in bandages so they are 'trapped'. How does that feel?
Week 3 July	Paul is Shipwrecked Paul goes to Rome: Acts 2-21, 27-28	Themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Don't be worried ○ Never give up Ideas for starting points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Travelling long journeys today ○ Shipwrecks and castaways ○ A map of the Mediterranean ○ A pile of letters – how would Paul have sent messages today?

Some useful website resources:

Goodbye quotes: <http://www.quote garden.com/goodbye.html>

The Muppets Take Manhattan Film: Song & Video : Muppets Saying Goodbye:

http://www.metacafe.com/watch/83654/muppets_saying_goodbye/

Saying goodbye: <http://www.hospicenet.org/html/goodbye.html>

Languages: <http://www.wikihow.com/Say-Goodbye-in-Several-Different-Languages>