

Introduction

This Bible overview resource came about as a result of seeing the effectiveness of the Bible Alive programme in schools, and the impact when children are helped to understand the Bible as one big story and to see how the individual stories connect.

This programme is aimed at SU Groups for children in P5-P7, to take them through a Bible overview over the course of two years.

Most of the sessions follow the Bible timeline chronologically. However, lessons looking at Christmas and Easter have been included in both years of the programme with a particular focus on helping the children see how these events fit into the bigger picture and how they relate to the parts of the Bible they have already explored.

The material will be available on the Scripture Union Scotland website and it will be released one term at a time, beginning in August 2018.

Term 1 goes covers an introduction to the Bible, then goes through the book of Genesis exploring the stories of Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Esau and Jacob, and Joseph. It finishes with two weeks focusing on the Christmas Story.

Using the material

Every SU Group is different!

Many things vary from group to group - the space, time and equipment available, the number of children, their level of understanding and faith and the activities they enjoy.

No material is going to be perfect for every group, but there are different options included within the material and we hope that it will give you a helpful starting point. Feel free to adapt the sessions to suit the needs of your group.

Each session includes:

Bible Story/Reference: please read the passage over for yourself as you prepare for the session

Prep for Leaders: a question or two for you to reflect on to help you engage with the Bible passage for yourself as you prepare to lead the children

Key Points and Aims: main teaching points and what we are hoping the children will discover or have the opportunity to reflect on in this session

The activities for each session are listed under four headings:



Games/ Intro Activities

These are fun activities linking with the theme - often there are a few different suggestions here, so you can decide what you think will work best with your group.



Exploring the Bible

Scripts and suggestions for storytelling, drama or visual resources to help the children engage with the Bible passage



Reflect and Respond

Ideas for discussions, reflections and prayer



Additional Ideas:

Many sessions include extra ideas and resources that fit with the theme.

A list of equipment is supplied beside the title of each activity. For most sessions there are additional documents which contain the images, scripts or printouts you will need.

Need help using this resource?

If you need extra help or guidance using One Big Story, or just questions, please contact info@suscotland.org.uk and we'll do our best to help!