



Shadsworth Junior School



Curriculum

Year 5 Scheme of Work

Term: Spring 1

Topic: Old Testament: Did she make the right choice?

Key Skills and Knowledge:

Aims

- Increase and widen the children's knowledge and understanding of the role and significance of women in the Bible and God's big story.
- To reflect upon the actions of these women and consider what we can learn from their stories.
- Deepen pupil's understanding that it isn't always easy being a person of faith and tough choices have to be made.
- Explore the story of Esther and the Jewish Festival of Purim.
- Make links between their own values and the values of others (i.e. the women in the Bible).
- Ask important and relevant questions about the lives of the women in the Bible.
- Ask and suggest answers to questions of identity, meaning, purpose, truth, values and commitments.
- Reflect on the lives of the women in the Bible and describe the features that inspire them.
- Use religious vocabulary to describe and show understanding of the stories, actions and beliefs of the women in the Bible.

Key Skills and Knowledge: Investigate Empathise

Reflect

- To discuss choices, values and behaviour.

Reading and Writing Opportunities (Long and Short Activities) Creative Ideas and Hooks

Name famous and important women in general. e.g. pop stars, politicians, royalty, TV actors, scientists, women in history and sportswomen.

Focus on one of the women per lesson:

Jochebed (Moses' mother)

Ruth

Deborah

3 sessions covering the story of Esther and the festival of Purim.

Drama – Hot seat women. Ask them about their choices and feelings.

Exploring Purim traditions – see BBC website. Make eye masks and Hamantaschen (triangular shapes biscuit pockets filled with jam/chocolate spread).

Key Questions

- What can I learn from this story?
- Why is this a significant moment? Why is this woman important?
- In which values and beliefs are the actions of the women rooted?
- Did she make the right choice?
- Where does this story fit into God's big story?

Links to PSHCE, Equality and British Values Work

Famous women in history who have stood up for their beliefs and, in by doing this, have changed the views of others and even changed laws.

Corrie Ten Boom - Harriet Tubman 'Little People, Big Dreams – Harriet Tubman ISBN 9781786032898

What motivates these women?

Key Vocabulary:

Resources Available / Visits/Visitors

Useful Websites:

Jochebed
Deborah
Abigail
Rahab
Hannah
Ruth
Esther
Purim

Head scarves / shawls to get into character for hot seating.
Bibles

<https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?q=the+prince+of+egypt+1998+scenes&mid=398B8B7B9E271A299406398B8B7B9E271A299406&FORM=VIRE>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/56210745>

Previous Knowledge

Story of Moses's mother putting him in a basket to float down the river.