

bible zone - key stage 2

Welcome pupils to the zone and remind them of your name.

Aims

In this zone we're going to:

- discover why the Bible is important to Christians
- explore one of the stories in the Bible
- find out how Christians in The Salvation Army try to follow the Bible's teaching

Discussion – special books (2-3 minutes)

Do you have a favourite book? What makes a book really special? *(Show the pupils a Bible.)* This is the Bible – a very important book for Christians. The first part of the Bible tells the story of God's people before Jesus was born, and the second part is about the life of Jesus and his followers, and about how the church began. Christians believe that the people who wrote the different parts of the Bible were inspired by God, and this is what makes the book sacred and holy, because God can still communicate with people today when they read the Bible.

If you are using the Good Samaritan parable say - one of the main ways Jesus taught people was by telling stories, called parables. Parables were stories with a meaning or a lesson, which helped people understand and really think about what Jesus was saying. I'm going to tell you one of Jesus' parables now.

If you are using the optional creation story, say - I'm going to tell you a story from the first part of the Bible about how the world was created.

Godly play story (15 minutes)

Invite the children to sit on the mats and encourage them to be calm and focus on the story. They should put their pupil books and pencils etc behind them, so that no one is distracted.

Tell the story using the Godly Play materials. The story is followed by wondering questions. (See Godly Play scripts.)

Response time (3-6 minutes)

*Keep the calm atmosphere as you invite the children to respond to the story. In your pupil book (page 2) I would like you to write or draw something which shows what the story was about, or perhaps how the story made you feel, or what it made you think about. It's your very own response, nobody else's! *If possible, allow children to find**

their own quiet space in the room to do this. Point out where to find the colouring pencils etc and where to return them afterwards. (See 'About Godly Play' for further suggestions and guidance on the response time.)

Put the Godly Play materials back in the box and bring pupils back into the circle.

Summing up (4 minutes)

In this zone you have heard a story from the Bible and had time to think about the story for yourself. The Bible is very important to members of The Salvation Army – it's part of our mission statement. *Show pupils the Mission Statement card and read it aloud to them.* How do you think members of The Salvation Army try to follow the teaching of Jesus in the story we heard today? Do you think it is easy or difficult to follow? *Share how easy/difficult you find it to follow the Bible's teachings, and how the Bible is helpful to you in your life.*

