



## R.E. LESSON PLAN - WATFORD SCHOOLS TRUST

<b>LESSON TITLE</b>	<b>LEARNING STAGE</b>	<b>WST TEACHER/DATE</b>
Bible Assembly	EYFS KS1 LKS2 UKS2	Mrs Tricia Bastable Mrs Johanna Jordan
<b>AIM:</b> To give a summary of the Bible and what Christians believe about it.  <b>LEARNING OBJECTIVE:</b> To understand that the Bible is special to Christians.	<b>MAIN AREAS/ OF LEARNING</b> (Herts R.E. Agreed Syllabus 2017-22)  Beliefs and practices Human responsibility and values Identity and belonging Justice and fairness Prayer, worship and reflection Symbols and actions Sources of wisdom Ultimate questions  <b>Other AOL covered:</b>	<b>LESSON RESOURCES</b> <b>WST will bring:</b> Video assembly  <b>School to provide:</b>  n.a.

### Introduction

The video starts with Tricia's husband attempting to bake a cake.

Tricia asks how the children think Mr. Bastable got on and how well the cake might come out. She expresses her doubt as Mr. Bastable didn't follow any instructions. She explains that following instructions is important in many situations, such as building flat-pack furniture or building Lego models. Christians believe that life also needs some good instructions. They refer to their special book, The Bible, as their guidebook.

Johanna explains that Christians read the Bible because it tells them what God is like and how he wants them to live. It has been called the Best Instruction Book and she explains the Acronym BIBLE= Best Instructions Before Leaving Earth. It means it's a perfect guidebook for how to live our lives in a way that pleases God. The Bible is like the Maker's instruction manual. But it's not just a guidebook. Christians call the Bible 'the Word of God'. They believe God speaks to them when they read the Bible. He tells them how much he loves them and how they can be friends with God.

Tricia shows a range of different Bibles - different shapes and sizes/languages/aimed at different readers, incl. children. Children's Bibles often contain some of the well-known stories from the Bible, like Noah's Ark, Joseph and his amazing, coloured coat, David and Goliath and of course the stories about Jesus.

Johanna explains that the Bible isn't just one book, but a collection of 66 different books, written by over 40 different authors. The word Bible comes from the Greek word Biblio which means a 'collection of books'.

The Bible has two parts, the OT and the NT. The OT tells people how God created the world and his plans for the world. There are stories of some of God's followers like, Abraham, Moses, and Joseph. There are law books, action stories, poems and love stories.

The NT contains all the stories of Jesus and his followers, it tells us about the beginnings of the Church. It explains how God's great plan for salvation and friendship was realized in his son, Jesus.

Tricia explains that The Bible also says quite a lot about itself. Just as the Bible often uses picture language to describe God, it does the same about itself.

A number of children read some of these descriptions about the Bible.

- The Bible is like a TORCH, showing us the way to go when things are dark and we lose our path.
- The Bible is like a RADIO, allowing us to tune in to God's voice whenever we read it.
- The Bible is like a SWORD, helping us fight against temptation and all that is wrong.
- The Bible is like a HAMMER, breaking down injustice and evil and helping to destroy what is bad.
- The Bible is like a GUIDEBOOK, enabling us to make good decisions and showing us which way to go.
- The Bible is like FOOD AND DRINK, supplying us with encouragement and strength to keep us going on with God.
- The Bible is like a MIRROR, showing us what needs changing and helping us to see ourselves more clearly.
- The Bible is like a TREASURE CHEST, offering us good things and promises that never let us down.
- The Bible is like a camera, giving us pictures of what God is like, helping us to develop a proper image of him

This is followed by a quick Quiz.

Tricia asks the children whether they remember Mr Bastable's cake and whether they'd like to find out how it turned out? She finishes by stating that life can be a little bit like baking. It turns out better if you follow the instructions! And the best way to live our lives is to follow the Maker's handbook. The Best Instructions Before Leaving Earth!

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