



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

<b>LESSON TITLE:</b> Sacred Texts: Christianity - the Bible, Psalm 23	<b>LEARNING STAGE</b> LKS2	<b>WST TEACHER/DATE</b> Mrs Johanna Jordan/ Mrs Tricia Bastable
<b>AIM:</b> To know that and consider why Psalm 23 from the Bible is a key source of wisdom for Christians.  <b>LEARNING OBJECTIVE:</b> To explore how Psalm 23 from the Bible can help Christians in their daily lives	<b>MAIN AREA/S OF LEARNING</b> (Herts R.E. Agreed Syllabus 2017-22)  Sources of wisdom  <b>Other AOL covered:</b> Beliefs and practices  Prayer, worship and reflection	<b>LESSON RESOURCES</b> <b>WST will bring:</b> Children's NIV Bible (1) Beginners' Bibles (16/set) Powerpoint presentation Pupil worksheet - outline of open Bible <a href="http://www.max7.org/en/resource/DavidandGoliathQuicksketch">www.max7.org/en/resource/DavidandGoliathQuicksketch</a>  <b>School to provide:</b> Colouring pens/pencils

### Introduction:

Re-cap what's in the Bible: different books (66) written over a long period of time by more than 40 different authors. The books are divided into the Old Testament and the New Testament. Today we're going to look at a poem/song from the OT and how it can be relevant and helpful to Christians today.

### Main content:

**Class activity:** Introduce the author of the Psalm. This is one of many Psalms written by David.

David was a friend of God all through his life. As well as being a King, a soldier, a musician and a shepherd, David was also a poet. Many of his poems can be found in a book of the Bible called the Psalms. (Psalm = song/prayer.)

**Independent Activity:** Give out the Beginners Bibles one between two.

Spend a couple of minutes looking at the Bibles independently.

Find and read Psalm 23 (Beginner's Bible page 190-193).

**Class Activity:** Read Psalm 23 together. Listen to what David had to say about God.

- P. 190 Who does David compare God to? A shepherd.

David was a shepherd, so he knew a lot about sheep and shepherds.

What are sheep like? Dependent for food, care, guidance & safety

Key 'wisdom' point: God provides (i.e. food and water, rest and renewed strength)

- P. 191 God is always with us  
*Key 'wisdom' point: God shows the way to live a life that pleases God and that he thinks is best for us*  
*Key 'wisdom' point: God gives us courage and strength to face life's difficulties with him.*
- P. 192 *Key 'wisdom' point: God gives us all we need and much more*  
*Key 'wisdom' point: God has chosen us (ref. Monarch's anointing)*
- P.193 *Key 'wisdom' point: God is with us throughout our whole lives*  
*Key 'wisdom' point: God assures us of life in heaven after death*

**Class Activity:** Show video clip of the battle of David and Goliath. [www.max7.org/en/resource/DavidandGoliathQuicksketch](http://www.max7.org/en/resource/DavidandGoliathQuicksketch)  
 David fought Goliath before he wrote the Psalm.

**Independent Activity:** Discuss with talking partners:  
 How did his faith help David to fight Goliath?  
 Which parts of the Psalm would David have had in mind before and during the fight?

**Independent Activity:**  
 Use the Bible outline to illustrate one (or more) of the phrases of wisdom (knowledge of God) highlighted by David in Psalm 23.

### Extension/enrichment activities

Find Psalm 23 in the Children's NIV or any other version of the Bible. How the wording different?  
 Research and listen to different musical versions of Psalm 23 (you could try 'googling' Scottish Psalter, Crimond, Stuart Townend)

**Plenary**  
 Class to summarise: How do you think reading (or singing!) Psalm 23 might help Christians when they are facing life's challenges and problems?  
 Independent thinking: What helps YOU when you are facing a big challenge or problem?

### Deeper questions

#### **Possible follow up/class discussion suggestions**

Why do you think Psalm 23 might affect Christians in different ways?  
 How might Christians think it could help them to be 'better' people?