

Yr.4 Summer term (2) Sacred Writings and Stories.

AT2 Explain how common/shared beliefs of what is right and wrong affects behaviour. To look at the story of David & Goliath and Psalm 23, a prayer written by David, and how they may help Christians in their daily life.

L.O. I can talk about some Bible stories and why they are helpful to Christians.

Discuss in pairs

- Who provides for you and how?
- What situations help you feel restful/at peace
- What situations make you feel scared or troubled
- What makes you feel loved?

Re-cap what's in the Bible, type of stories, what it tells us about God, B.I.B.L.E. Today we're going to think about some of the picture language that the Bible uses and how Christians may find those images helpful in their daily life.

Find and read Psalm 23 (in the Beginner's Bible page 190-193). This is one of many Psalms written by David. 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.*)

Listen to what David had to say about God. Read Psalm 23; discuss how this psalm might be a comfort to someone?

- What does David compare God to? A shepherd.

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

- What are sheep like? Dependant for food, care, guidance & safety
- What does a shepherd provide/ do for sheep?
 1. Food and water;
 2. Leads them to safe places
 3. Protects them and helps them when they are in trouble
 4. Loves them.

Now look again at the questions at the beginning of the lesson. How does Psalm 23 help a Christian think about God?

Read the interactive story David the Giant Killer. What does this story tell us about God? David fought Goliath before he wrote the Psalm. How did his faith help him to fight Goliath? Which part of the Psalm might David have had in mind before and during the fight?

To do:

On the sheet provided either:

- Write your own psalm/poem/prayer about a time when you were in trouble or feeling sad/afraid.
- Draw a picture to illustrate part of Psalm 23 and use one of the phrases of the Psalm as caption.

Think about:

What have I learned today?

What does the Bible tell us God is like?

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