8 Bible-themed Journey Days for Primary Schools

A cross-curricular resource for teaching about Christianity

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Those who teach RE will welcome ideas that help children to engage fully with the subject. Eight story-based workshop days have been written using a journey metaphor as a means of engaging children, by using the imagination to explore the story events. 8 Bible-themed Journey Days for Primary Schools will help primary schools deliver high-quality cross-curricular RE.

The ideas in this book cover three Old Testament journeys as well as significant Christian festivals to give a broad overview of Christianity. Each themed day comes with several workshop ideas that make links across the curriculum and draw upon a range of creative skills. An introductory day, ‘Stepping out on the journey’, opens up the material, followed by seven further workshop days. The journey days can be delivered flexibly to fit in with a school year plan. Local churches can support such days by opening up church buildings or by providing volunteers to run workshops. Such days can be a memorable learning experience for children, with the material enhancing a whole school curriculum.

This practical resource is written to introduce children to the exciting concept of journeys in the Bible, and in so doing aims to enhance the relationship between school and local church...It is a timely and actionable resource that tempts the practitioner to get on with it immediately. From the foreword by Howard Worsley, Chair of Salisbury Diocese Children and Young People Education Ministry Committee and former Diocesan Director of Education in London and the Midlands.

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