

PRIMARY SCHOOL COLLECTIVE  
WORSHIP

# INSPIRATIONAL CHRISTIAN PEOPLE



Based on the book  
Everyone a child should know by Clare Heath-Whyte



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Inspired by the book **'Everyone a child should know'** by **Clare Heath Whyte ISBN 9781911272601**. The following ideas work with and expand on the text in the book and will help you to create a series of Collective Worship based on the lives of inspirational Christians. You will need a copy of the book in order to use the following resources successfully.

Using this book and resources will introduce pupils to ordinary people who did extraordinary things because of their faith. Highlighting our Christian beliefs and values in action, these true stories reveal the impact that being a follower of Jesus Christ has on people's choices, attitudes and actions. The lives of these amazing men and women illustrate the way in which God's Big Salvation Story has continued through history right up to today.

Cover Photograph - Stained Glass Window in Hereford Cathedral commemorating Thomas Traherne

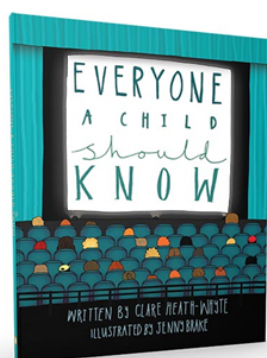
## THEME

### NAME OF PERSON

Page in the book

*Christian  
Values and  
positive character  
traits*

Here you will find ideas for starting points, resources and display, along with challenging, thought provoking questions that will hopefully inspire interesting discussion.



# CHRISTIAN PEOPLE WHO CHANGED THE LIVES OF OTHERS

## BROTHER ANDREW

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*Courage  
Perseverance  
Faith  
Commitment  
Motivation*

Psalm 27:1

A pile of Bibles

Bibles hidden inside a suitcase or rucksack

Can you imagine what it would be like if we were all sitting here knowing that we could be arrested and sent to prison because we have a Bible? How would that feel?

Would we still have a Bible in our classroom? Why? Why not?

There are Christians in the past and today who have been in that situation.

Lots more information can be found on the Open Doors website [www.opendoors.org](http://www.opendoors.org)

Would you take a risk and smuggle a Bible to someone? Why? Why not?

## GLADYS AYLWARD

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*Courage  
Perseverance  
Faith  
Kindness  
Compassion*

A collection of 'ordinary' things that are really quite extraordinary, for example an acorn, a bird's feather, a pebble, a story book.

Photos of 'ordinary' looking people who have done extra ordinary things for example Jordan Romero (the youngest person to climb Everest at age 13), Chesley 'Sully' Sullenberger (who landed his plane on the Hudson River), Aitzaz Hasan, Megan Coffee, Scott Neeson.

A globe with a sticker highlighting the UK and another on China. Gladys Aylward travelled a long way from home.

Photo of a smelly foot! A pile of smelly shoes

Have you ever been determined to do something that someone else has told you that you would not be capable of doing?

# CHRISTIAN PEOPLE WHO CHANGED THE LIVES OF OTHERS

## THOMAS BARNARDO

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*Compassion  
Service  
Hope  
Trust*

Add to your displays around the hall a few pictures of children on the streets of London in Victorian times and a few objects not normally found in the hall for the pupils to notice as they look round. Has anyone spotted anything different in the hall today?

Talk about noticing and not noticing things that are right in front of us. Thomas Barnardo wanted to go to China, then he noticed the plight of the children right in front of him in London.

Jesus told us to love one another. Jesus loved everyone including children. Thomas Barnardo responded to Jesus' command by giving the children a home. He could have given the children a blanket but instead he gave them hope for a more secure future. This gives you an opportunity to talk about instant help that becomes sustainable.

There is lots of information and stories on the Barnardo's web site.

## CORRIE TEN BOOM

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*Hope  
Trust  
Courage  
Forgiveness*

Yellow Stars – create a scenario where a group of children all have to wear a star simply because they, for example, have an 'm' in their name. That group are then told they have got to work harder than the others and have less or no privileges. This is a gentle way into talking about the more serious situation of the Nazis persecution of the Jews. Did anyone help the Jews? Would you help the Jews and risk being sent to prison or worse?

Appropriate pictures of the Nazis rounding up the Jews.

WWJD? Corrie's sister, Betsie, said love not hate, a big challenge in their circumstances.

# CHRISTIAN PEOPLE WHO CHANGED THE LIVES OF OTHERS

## WILLIAM AND CATHERINE BOOTH

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*Courage  
Perseverance  
Compassion  
Hope*

Have you ever had some news that you felt was so important that you wanted to tell everyone?

An army goes into battle against something. What could an army of Christians – the Salvation Army go into battle against? Surely, they are soldiers of a different kind, so what kind of soldiers are they?

A few tins of food and items of warm clothing.  
Pictures of Salvation Army members distributing food etc. to the homeless showing Jesus love

YouTube clip of a Salvation Army Band playing

## AMY CARMICHAEL

Page 33

*Justice  
Service  
Compassion*

Tell the stories of Jesus with the lepers, he welcomed everyone and was never embarrassed.

A globe with stickers on Belfast, Manchester, Japan and India.  
In the picture in the book Amy is wearing a sari, I wonder why?

A lifeboat and discussion about rescue – Amy and the missionaries that came to work with her rescued over 1000 children. The Dohnavur fellowship website has lots of pictures and information about the work they are still doing today in southern India. This is the legacy left by Amy's life, what legacy would you like to leave?

# CHRISTIAN PEOPLE WHO CHANGED THE LIVES OF OTHERS

## JIM AND ELISABETH ELLIOT

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*Forgiveness  
Courage  
Faith*

Pictures of the Amazon Jungle

Deep in the jungle lived tribes of people who had never heard about Jesus.

I wonder what was in the presents dropped from Jim's aeroplane?

Can pupils remember talking about the life of Amy Carmichael? What did she do?

Elisabeth Elliot drew her life's inspiration from Amy. Who inspires you?

Elisabeth showed love to the people who killed her husband, wow, what faith and courage!

Imagine the feelings of both Elisabeth and the tribes people when they met for the first time.

I wonder what they said to each other?

## EDWARD VI

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*Wisdom  
Leadership  
Truth*

A King's crown

Edward became King when he was just 9 years old. Ask the 9-year-old boys to stand up. How would they feel if they became king today?

What would they choose to do that would make the UK a better country? How would you choose the people to help you rule the country?

Edward chose people he knew were Christians and would help him run the country as Jesus would want them to. What a wise decision.

When you go to church do you understand everything that happens? Yes/No?

Imagine going to church and not understanding anything that was happening. Edward VI asked for big changes to be made and services were said in English.

# CHRISTIAN PEOPLE WHO CHANGED THE LIVES OF OTHERS

## SELINA, COUNTESS OF HUNTINGDON

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*Leadership  
Courage  
Faith*

Selina Hastings was Countess of Huntingdon. She was very rich and used her money to finance the buildings of chapels, for missionary work in Africa and also to help establish the Foundling Hospital in London which, despite its name, was an orphanage. The word hospital refers to the hospitality which it gave.

She also used her money to train preachers because she felt that a good preacher could change the lives of many people with just one sermon.

If you had the chance to preach just one sermon what would it be? If you had a large amount of money to use to help people how would you spend it? Why?

Selina Hastings didn't want any great publicity or recognition for what she did, even leaving instructions that no autobiography of her was to be written after her death.

Why do you think she did this?

## JOHN KNOX

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*Wisdom  
Leadership  
Truth*

John Knox lived at a time of great change in the church known as the Reformation. Up to that time ordinary people were not allowed to read the Bible in their own language, but had to believe whatever the priest or preacher told them. Sometimes preachers would twist the truth, for their own ends.

Do a short true or false quiz.

- John the baptist wore clothes of goats hair (false it was camel's hair)
- Jesus told the children to stay away from him. (false - he welcomed children)
- Jesus knew that he was going to be arrested and killed in Jerusalem (True)
- Jesus was angry with the money changers in the temple (true)
- The more words we say the better our prayers are (false)

John Knox realised that it was important for everyone to be able to read the Bible and know what was in it. How would you know the answers to those questions if you couldn't read the bible?

# CHRISTIAN PEOPLE WHO CHANGED THE LIVES OF OTHERS

## GEORGE WHITEFIELD

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*Leadership  
Courage  
Perseverance*

Pictures of crowds at a celebrity event

George Whitefield was a very good speaker, but he was also a controversial figure, not everyone agreed with what he said. He could capture the attention of the audience and was very inspirational. People travelled miles to listen to him and he travelled miles to preach. He was probably the first transatlantic celebrity

Who is the most inspirational speaker you have heard?

Have you ever travelled a long way to see someone famous? Why?

What was it like to be in a crowd of people listening?

Who would you like to listen to if you could pick a celebrity or famous person from any time in history?

## JOHN WYCLIFFE

Page 111

*Faith*

Imagine being told that you are not allowed to read the Bible because you are not a church leader!

Look at a collection of all the Bibles and Bible storybooks in school. Imagine that they were all locked away and only the vicar could read them. What difference would that make to our lives?

John Wycliffe was the man who made sure that everyone could read the Bible.

John Wycliffe had the courage to speak out and be different. He was a church leader but he knew that his colleagues were wrong, a comparison could be made with Jesus challenging the actions of the pharisees and religious leaders. ( Luke 13:10-17)

Who else have you heard about that behaved in a similar way to John Wycliffe? have you ever been in a situation when you knew that others in your group or team were wrong and you had to be different and speak out?

# USING YOUR TALENTS FOR GOD

## JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

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*Joy  
Creativity  
Thankfulness  
Generosity*

Lots of musical instruments, play one badly and then play one well.  
What is the difference? What makes the difference? Skill and practice?  
Gifts and talent?

Can you play an instrument? How do you feel when you play?  
Why do you play? When/where do you play?

YouTube clips of people playing Bach's music for example the  
Christmas Oratorio, St Matthew Passion, Toccata in D minor.

If possible interview a christian musician. How do they express their  
faith in Jesus through their music?

YouTube clips of Matt Redman and Chris Tomlin. Both are Christian  
worship leaders, songwriters and composers. I wonder what Bach  
would say to them?

Whatever your skills are so the, to the best of your ability and that will  
glorify God who gave you these gifts and talents.

## ANN BRADSTREET

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*Faith  
Trust  
Creativity  
Determination*

Pictures of Ann and her husband on the American Frontier.  
Search Google for appropriate pictures.

Imagine being the first to do something!

If writing poems was your talent and something you loved to do, how  
would it feel to have a book of your poems published?

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did  
not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so  
welcome." A. Bradstreet. What do you think Anne means by this? Do  
you agree with her?

Read a few of the children's favourite poems.

Again and again Ann faced hardship but she knew she wasn't alone  
Jesus was with her and he is with us.

# USING YOUR TALENTS FOR GOD

## JOHN CALVIN

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*Faith  
Service  
Perseverance  
Wisdom*

Books, thought bubbles, paper, pens and a Bible.

A mirror – a mirror reflects and Calvin believed that we should faithfully reflect the teachings of the Bible. How can we do that?

People would create noise to drown out Calvin's voice when he was preaching. Ask a member of staff to start playing music louder and louder to drown out your voice as you talk about Jesus teaching. Why did the people not want to listen? Why did Calvin continue preaching?

"A dog barks when its master is attacked. I would be a coward if I saw that God's truth is attacked and yet would remain silent." Calvin.

Discuss this statement.

## JOHN BUNYAN

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*Faith  
Perseverance  
Forgiveness*

Pictures of a few really well-known books and a picture or copy of Pilgrim's Progress. John Bunyan's book is one of the most famous books in the world.

A bag of rocks – John carried with him guilt from the things he had done wrong in his life, a heavy burden in his heart and mind. When he was told about Jesus who takes away our sin and burdens he became a different man. It was as if he had dropped the 'bag of rocks' he had been carrying. He wanted to tell everyone about Jesus.

[www.torchlighters.org](http://www.torchlighters.org)

Place a chair at the front of the hall, ask a child who supports the local football team to come out to the front, stand on the chair and tell everyone how brilliant their football team is. However, if they do, they will not be allowed a playtime. Do they still want to do it? Why? Why not?

John Bunyan did something similar but he stood in a pulpit telling everyone about Jesus and got sent to prison.

Would that happen in the world today?

# USING YOUR TALENTS FOR GOD

## GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

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*Creativity  
Service  
Determination  
Generosity*

George worked hard at school and was good at lots of things, he could have been a scientist or an artist. He chose to use his skills to help others. Imagine being good at everything. What job would you chose to do?

How do peanuts grow? Where do they grow? Show a picture of peanut plants.

What can you make with peanuts? George Washington Carver came up with 300 products. fpr example, flour, soap and shaving cream. Google Carver Peanut Products to find out more.

I wonder what job will you choose?

## JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

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*Courage  
Leadership  
Wisdom  
Confidence*

Football teams often have a 'nickname' as well as an official title. Such as Morecambe are The Shrimps, Burnley are The Clarets, Arsenal are The Gunners. Do the children know any others? Do they, or any of their family have nicknames?

If your nickname was 'Golden mouth' what would that say about you? What would people think about you before they met you if they knew that was your nickname?

John used 'golden' words to talk about Jesus. What words do you think he used? People loved listening to him.

Who do you like to listen to? Why?

Why did John's words challenge the people?

What do you think John would tell people today?

# USING YOUR TALENTS FOR GOD

## FANNY CROSBY

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*Love  
Faith  
Hope*

The hymn 'To God be the glory' can be easily found on YouTube. Talk about the different ways people 'praise the Lord' through the creative arts. Through music, dance, painting and drama people declare their faith in God and how much they love him. Look at the words of worship songs you often sing in school. Which songs praise God? Which songs tell stories about Jesus? Which songs speak about God and what he has done for us? Sing a few of the children's favourites one after another. How does singing make you feel?

## JONI ERECKSON TADA

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*Courage  
Faith  
Hope*

Ask the children about their favourite activities/hobbies. Which sports do they like the best? Which computer games or TV shows do they enjoy watching? Which books do they like reading? Ask about baking, playing board games, climbing trees or helping to wash the car. Ask them to imagine what it might be like to have an accident which meant that they could no longer do the things they enjoyed best. Show the children pictures of Joni before and after her accident. Show them pictures of Joni living her life to the full. Joni has used the talents she still has to the best of her ability and to tell people about Jesus.

# USING YOUR TALENTS FOR GOD

C S LEWIS

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*Creativity  
Imagination*

Display books from the Narnia Series on your worship table. Show a clip from the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe or pictures of the Narnia characters. They look and are very different from Biblical characters but many of their characteristics are the same. Ask the children if any of them have read any of the Narnia books. What are they all about? Clever books written by a clever man who wanted to make children think, use their imagination and learn about Jesus. CS Lewis became a Christian after a lot of long conversations with other clever people. When he believed Jesus was real his life changed and his reason for writing changed. i wonder why peoples lives change when they believe in Jesus?

ARGULA VON GRUMBACH

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*Preseverance  
Faith  
Hope  
Compassion*

Read Psalm 27 v3 from page 48. What is the writer of the psalm saying? Why will he not fear? What will give him confidence? How does this verse connect to the story of Argula von Grumbach? Show the children a picture of a child being left out of a game /group /conversation. How does the child feel? Have they ever felt like that? No one wanted to be friends with Argula because she was friends with Jesus and she wouldn't change her mind. Make the connection to the disciples and the first Christians. You could have a selection of different letters and types of correspondence as a starting point. Why do people write letters? Argula wrote letters to try and change people's minds. Why did she not send emails or use Facebook or Twitter? How do you think she would have communicated her message today? Would the content of her letters be different today? Yes? No?

# USING YOUR TALENTS FOR GOD

## MARY JONES

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*Perseverance  
Determination  
Faith*

A picture of Mary Jones

A map showing the route Mary might have walked from Llanfychangel to Bala

I wonder if Mary Jones had any idea that what she was doing would actually change the world?

Why was the Bible so precious to Mary?

How might Mary have felt on her journey?

As a result of what Mary did the Bible Society was founded, with the aim of providing Bibles for everyone to read in their own language. Imagine the joy of being able to read the Bible for yourself in your own language for the first time. You could illustrate this with a story from the Bible Society web site [www.biblesociety.org.uk](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk)

## ERIC LIDDELL

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*Faith  
Courage  
Confidence*

A picture of Eric Liddell with his Olympic Medal.

A pair of running shoes and a Bible

Show a clip of film from Chariots of Fire.

Discuss priorities. Give the children a couple of examples such as; What would be the right thing to do? Visit your grandma who is poorly or go to the park with your friend? Play on your electronic game when you get home from school or do your homework first?

People thought Eric was amazing because he could run fast and therefore running should be the most important thing in his life. Eric disagreed, for him Jesus was the most important thing. However because he was famous people wanted to listen to him so Eric told them about Jesus. Eric did use his talent and celebrity status for God. What is the most important thing to you?

If you were good at x, y or z would that become the most important thing? Yes? No? Why?

More of Eric's life story can be found on The Torchlighters website.

# USING YOUR TALENTS FOR GOD

## LILIAS TROTTER

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*Faith  
Creativity  
Determination  
Courage*

Use google search to find a piece of artwork by Liliias Trotter e.g. Great or Small.

Display a map of Africa

Create a display of artwork inspired by Liliias Trotter.

Play a game of 'would you rather' hands up for the first choice, arms folded for the second choice.

Would you rather.....eat pizza or burger? play outdoors or indoors? go to the zoo or funfair? and so on.

Making choices can be easy or difficult. Liliias had to make a choice, she was a very good artist and could probably have become rich and famous. Instead she decided to go to Africa to tell people about Jesus. But she also continued to paint and to use her paintings to tell people about Jesus too.

Look carefully at the painting Great or Small (or another piece of Liliias Trotter's artwork) Do you think the words and the picture go together? What does the picture tell you about God?

## REMBRANDT

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*Faith  
Creativity  
Perseverance*

Create a display of Rembrandt's paintings e.g. Christ in the storm on the sea of Galilee, The adoration of the Magi, The supper at Emmaus.

Rembrandt is a very famous artist. He painted many self portraits, but also many Bible stories. He used his skill to share Bible stories in a way which people who couldn't read could understand.

Choose one of Rembrandt's Biblical pictures as a focus for worship and tell the appropriate Bible story.

How does the picture tell the story?

What else would you have included?

What surprises you about the picture?

What do you like/dislike about the painting?

How would you have painted the story?

Give thanks to God for all the creativity in school.

# USING YOUR TALENTS FOR GOD

## CHARLES SPURGEON

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*Perseverance  
Faith  
Trust*

Charles Spurgeon was known as 'the Prince of Preachers'. He used his talent of public speaking to spread the good news about Jesus.

He used simple everyday words, in contrast to most of the preachers at the time who used long theological words which not everyone could understand. Some people criticised Charles for that, but many more people thought it was better because they were able to understand more of the Bible because of it. To illustrate this tell the children a Bible story such as Jesus' Baptism (Mark 1). Begin by using the Authorised King James Version of the Bible ([biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com)), then tell the same story using a simple retelling from a children's Bible.

Think about....what talents have you got?

How could you use your talents to tell people about God?

## JOHN WESLEY

Page 101

*Faith  
Courage  
Leadership*

Create a display of pictures of contrasting church buildings

What would your ideal church look like?

What sort of building would it be?

John Wesley was the founder of the Methodist church, he realised that you didn't have to be in a church to worship God and he travelled around the United Kingdom preaching to groups of hundreds of people in the open air or in farm buildings or on street corners. Many pictures of him preaching can be found on google images.

Imagine you could ask anyone from any time in history to come to preach to people at your church or school. Who would you ask? Why? Where would you hold the service?

Would it be in a building? Why? Why not?

Use John Wesley's 'Do all the good you can' quote as a prayer to conclude your worship. (<https://bit.ly/37olKg2>)

# USING YOUR TALENTS FOR GOD

## CHARLES WESLEY

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*Perseverance  
Faith  
Trust  
Creativity*

Charles Wesley was a prolific hymn writer. He travelled around the country writing songs and telling people about God. We still sing his songs today.

Listen to, or sing the hymn "And can it be" (<https://bit.ly/2ZOe4RU>) or at Christmas time "Hark the herald angels sing" (<https://bit.ly/2FgbPgs>)

Charles Wesley hoped that by singing or listening to his songs people would want find out more about Jesus and trust and love him more.

What is your favourite hymn or worship song? Why?

Which is the most important the words or the tune? Why?

Think of the songs you sing during worship at school. Which of these songs would be best to teach someone who knew nothing about Jesus, so that they could find out more?

## HANNAH MOORE

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*Faith  
Creativity  
Wisdom*

A script for a play

A picture of a theatre

Putting on a show can be great fun, but it involves lots of people, each with their own role. Discuss some of the roles needed to put on a good production.

Which jobs would the children like to do?

The backstage jobs are just as important as the actors.

Hannah Moore used her talents of being able to write plays and books to tell people about Jesus. In what ways could the children use their talents to tell people about Jesus. Put the children into groups and challenge them to create a role play to illustrate their ideas. Hannah also cleverly and wisely used her 'celebrity status to share the good news of Jesus. This would make a great topic for discussion.

# USING YOUR TALENTS FOR GOD

## WILLIAM TYNDALE

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*Perseverance  
Faith  
Trust  
Courage*

Display a pile of Bibles in various languages on the worship table or download passages from the Bible in different languages (from Bible gateway) and display on your worship wall.

I wonder what it would be like if you had to learn a different language just to be able to read the Bible?

William Tyndale realised that it was important for people who spoke English to be able to read the Bible in English and so he used his talents to translate the Bible from the original Greek and Hebrew Texts. He was one of many people to do this. He had to do the work in secret because it was seen as a direct challenge to the Catholic Church. At the time the church wanted to control the people by making the words a mystery that only the priest could translate. Because of his work he was executed in 1535.

I wonder what it was like to flee to a foreign country to do this important work?

Why do you think William continued? Would you have done the same? On the Bible Society website there are many stories about people being thrilled to receive a Bible in their own language.

# VALUES IN ACTION

## RICHARD WURMBRAND

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*Faith  
Courage*

A Map showing places in the world where Christians are persecuted (eg from the Open Doors website (<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/>))

Richard Wurmbbrand was arrested and imprisoned in Romania because of his faith. There are still many places in the world today where people could still be arrested because they are friends of Jesus.

Open Doors delivered the first Bibles to Romania in 1977, since then the situation for Christians in that country has improved and Romania is no longer on the World Watch List.

Use the Open Doors website to highlight the plight of Christians facing persecution.

Richard Wurmbbrand prayed throughout his time in prison, much of which was in solitary confinement, and was constantly reminded that with Jesus you are never truly alone.

## MARTIN LUTHER

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*Perseverance  
Forgiveness  
Determination  
Faith  
Courage  
Justice*

A Picture of Martin Luther

Set up a 'domino run' (make sure it is in a place where it won't be accidentally started)

Have you ever tried to set up a domino run, or a tower of cards? Did you do it in one go, or did it take several tries?

What did it feel like to keep trying? What else can you do now that took a lot of practice and perseverance? eg riding a bike, tying shoe laces.

The story of Martin Luther reminds us that you have to have determination and keep trying. God doesn't give up on us, and we must keep trying for him.

Martin Luther persevered until he could change the things which he saw were wrong and because of that the Christian church changed.

# VALUES IN ACTION

## LORD SHAFTESBURY

Page 85

*Faith  
Creativity  
Wisdom*

Pictures of children working in Victorian times.

Lord Shaftesbury worked tirelessly to change the laws so that children did not have to work all day. He was truly a courageous advocate for justice and social action.

He became president of the Ragged School Union. Tagged schools were schools for the poor and the foundation of many of our church schools.

What is the history of your school?

Lord Shaftesbury wanted all children to have the opportunity to go to school.

Crowds of people lined the streets on the day of his funeral. Not Lords and Ladies, but factory workers, chimney sweeps, boot blacks and flower girls. People whose lives had been changed by Lord Shaftesbury's actions. During his funeral the pastor stated that the country had 'lost the best man of the age'.

What would you like people to say about you and your actions?

## GEORGE MULLER

Page 69

*Trust  
Faith  
Hope  
Courage  
Thankfulness*

Pictures of people who help us or provide a service. eg, police, firefighter, paramedic, builder, plumber

When and why would we go to these people for help? Talk about the times and situations when we need the help of others.

George Muller lived by faith, he knew that Jesus is someone we can always turn to for help. George fully relied on Jesus to provide everything he needed. He didn't ask friends or professionals only Jesus. Is this an easy way to live your life? Why?

What would make it hard to turn to Jesus rather than the others?

If you could, what questions would you like to ask George?

# VALUES IN ACTION

## JOHN NEWTON

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*Hope  
Forgiveness  
Thankfulness*

Show a clip of film from YouTube of a boat in a storm, or experiment with making paper boats of different styles and sizes. Float them in a container of water, then shake the container to represent a storm.

I wonder what it would feel like to be on a boat in a storm?

What would the children do?

What did John Newton do?

How did the experience change John Newton's Life?

John Newton's experience also changed the lives of others. How? Why?

You could link this to the story of Jesus stilling the storm. Mark 4:35-41 John Newton wrote the famous hymn Amazing Grace. Listen carefully to the song and think about his words. Why does he call himself a wretch? What blinded him? What can he now see? Who saved him?

## FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

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*Determination  
Hope  
Courage  
Trust  
Compassion*

Display a picture of Florence Nightingale, a lamp or a picture of a lamp, along with the quote below.

"Florence Nightingale was the leader of a team of nurses in the Crimean war. She was instrumental in improving conditions in hospitals. Her nickname was the Lady with the Lamp, because at nighttime when she checked on the soldiers she always carried the lamp with her."

When Florence returned to England from the Crimea she opened a school for nurses in St Thomas Hospital in London. It is still an important teaching hospital today. Florence made certain that nurses were taught the importance of hygiene. She also wrote her most important book 'Notes on Nursing'.

Florence Nightingale said "The very first requirement in a hospital is that it should do the sick no harm."

Why do you think she said that?

What questions would you like to ask Florence Nightingale?

I wonder what Florence would think if she visited a hospital today?

# VALUES IN ACTION

## ROSA PARKS

Page 75

*Determination  
Courage  
Justice*

Imagine that every time you travelled somewhere by bus you and your whole family had to stand up. Even if there were some seats free, you weren't allowed to sit in them. Why? Because of the colour of your skin. I wonder what that would feel like? I wonder how you and your family would feel? Do you think that a rule like that is fair? I wonder what Jesus would say about such a rule?

That is what Rosa Parks and her family had to endure. Rosa took a stand against the authorities because she believed that a rule that wanted her to stand because she was black, so that someone who was white could sit down, was fundamentally wrong. Jesus told us that everyone should be treated equally, no matter what. Rosa was prepared to go to prison for her belief.

Have you ever made a stand against something you believed to be wrong? A situation you thought was unfair?

What did it feel like? How did other people react?

Do you know if anyone else in history or today who has spoken up for justice?

## SUSANNA WESLEY

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*Faith  
Generosity  
Perseverance  
Wisdom*

Susanna Wesley thought that telling her children about Jesus was most important, but she had 19 children, how would she have the time? But she did. However busy she was she always found time to read the Bible and to pray. She made those things a priority in her life.

What are the priorities in your life?

Could you find more time to read Bible stories and talk to God?

What is the most important thing your parents/carers have taught you?

# VALUES IN ACTION

## WILLIAM WILBERFORCE

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*Faith  
Courage  
Perseverance*

A map of the world showing the slave routes.  
Picture of William Wilberforce

William Wilberforce was upset by the wrong things he saw happening in the world and decided that he wanted to make a difference. He was a leader in the movement to abolish the slave trade.

Have you ever written to your MP or campaigned for something to change? William Wilberforce worked for years to change attitudes about slavery.

Think of things you own.... do any of you own a person? Why not?

If you had the power to create a law to change one thing to make the world a better place what would it be?

## ROBERT RAIKES

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*Faith  
Wisdom  
Leadership*

Imagine if you didn't come to school and had to go to work in a factory instead. Imagine not being able to read or write. 250 years ago that is exactly what happened. Only very rich children went to school. Children from poor families went to work. If the children didn't go to school what would that mean? What would be missing from their lives?

Robert Raikes wanted everyone to be able to read and write so he opened school on Sundays. I wonder what difference learning to read and write made to the lives of those children?

# MISSIONARIES

## WILLIAM CAREY

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*Hope  
Forgiveness  
Thankfulness*

Create a display with world map showing India and England, a hammer and a last (or a picture of a last), some words in Hindi or Bengali.

Play the song If I had a hammer - just the first verse.

What is it like to learn a new language?

Learn a song from a different language (Wild Goose Resource Group publish books of World Songs)

Because of his love for Jesus, and for others William Carey's life changed beyond what he would ever have imagined, he was the catalyst for other missionaries to go overseas.

## BILLY GRAHAM

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*Trust  
Faith  
Hope*

**Update your book to show that Billy Graham died in 2018.**

Show Mark 16:15 Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

This is the verse which Billy Graham used as his motto.

How did he carry out this command?

He used Television and Radio to tell people about Jesus. What other ways could you use today?

Look at pictures of Billy Graham's rallies. Thousands of people went to listen to him. I wonder why?

Why were famous leaders interested in speaking with him?

Billy Graham wrote many books. Have a look together at the titles of his books, what are they about? What do these books tell us about Billy Graham?

What questions would you like to ask Billy Graham?

# MISSIONARIES

## ADONIRAM JUDSON

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*Perseverance  
Faith  
Courage*

Have you ever really struggled to learn to do something new?  
What did it feel like?  
How long did it take?  
How did you feel when you succeeded?

Adoniram Judson knew that he had to tell people about Jesus, but at first no-one was interested. He had to keep on for 6 years.  
What do you think that felt like?  
Did he ever feel discouraged?  
Why did he keep going?

Ask God for perseverance to keep on keeping on even when the task seems impossible.

## DWIGHT L MOODY

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*Trust  
Courage  
Perseverance*

Psalm 40:9 I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly.

How many people do you know?  
What is the largest number of people you have spoken to at once?

Dwight L Moody spoke to hundreds or even thousands of people in large groups telling them about Jesus. Over his lifetime he shared to good news of Jesus with millions of people.

Jesus also spoke to crowds of people. Ask the children if they can remember stories where Jesus spoke to large groups of people. Show pictures of Jesus speaking to crowds and people today at concerts, political rallies, lectures etc.  
Have you ever had some news, information or an idea so good that you wanted to tell everyone you met?

# MISSIONARIES

## CHARLES THOMAS STUDD

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*Perseverance  
Trust  
Faith  
Hope*

What is your favourite sport?

C.T. Studd gave up his favourite sport and his career to become a missionary in China, India and Africa. In later life he also wrote lots of poetry about the Bible and Jesus. His most famous poem has the refrain

"Only one life 'twill soon be passed  
Only what's done for Christ will last"

C.T. Studd gave away all his money because he realised that his fortune was not really important, what was important was spending his life doing what God wanted him to do.

Link this story to the story of the rich young ruler in Mark 10:17-27

## MARY SLESSOR

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*Trust  
Faith  
Perseverance*

Display a world map, mark Scotland and Nigeria with an arrow.

Mary Slessor was a young woman who travelled many miles from her home in Scotland to Nigeria in Africa. She gave up her western way of life and dressed and lived just like the native Africans.

What were some of the things you think Mary might have given up?  
What would be the hardest thing for you to give up?  
Missionary work isn't just about telling people about Jesus it is also about the way you live your life, what you do and how you do it.

In what ways did Mary Slessor's life show that she followed Jesus?  
What can you do in your life to show that you follow Jesus?



*Trust  
Faith*

A map of China showing all the places Hudson Taylor visited  
Pictures of people in traditional Chinese clothing.  
A few words in Chinese.

James Hudson Taylor travelled to China as a missionary. He learnt various Chinese dialects to be able to speak to the people in their own language.

Show the children a few words in Chinese so they can see how difficult it would be to learn the language.

He also translated the Bible so that the people of Ningbo could read it in their own language. He dressed in traditional Chinese clothing so that he fitted in. China is a vast country so he recruited other people to help him spread the good news, but he insisted that they all wore Chinese clothes too. We play dressing up games and have fancy dress parties but Hudson 'dressed up' for serious reasons.  
Why was it important for the missionaries to 'fit in'?

How do you think he persuaded people to help him?

What would you say to encourage people to join in your mission?