Continuous Provision – EYFS

Asking Questions

These activities support children and encourage them to ask questions and to enquire into religious and non-religious artefacts and stories. It also encourages them to begin to look at good and bad so they can think philosophically about issues of right and wrong as they progress through the curriculum.

Judaism

Activity – writing stories and reading stories		
Questions to Ask	Digging Deeper	Links to Religious Education
What is your book/story about?	Why not try	Chn will begin to question the reliability of sources of
Who is going to be reading it?	Reading the story of David and Goliath	authority.
Who is in your book/story?	together.	They will start to ask philosophical questions about the
What makes your book/story special?		world around them and question concepts of true and
Where did you get your ideas from?	I wonder who wrote this story?	false.
How does it make you feel when you share	I wonder if this story is true?	
your book/story?		Children will become familiar with the star of David as a
How does your book/story make others	Encourage chn to ask questions a picture	symbol of Judaism.
feel?	of David:	
Why are you making the book/story?		
Where will you keep you special book	I wonder why he has a star on his shield?	
/story?	I wonder why the whole shield isn't made	
	of metal?	

Islam

Activity – writing stories and reading stories		
Questions to Ask	Digging Deeper	Links to Religious Education
What is your book/story about?	Why not try	Chn will begin to question the reliability of sources of
Who is going to be reading it?	Reading the Folk Tale 'Saving the Moon'	authority.
Who is in your book/story?	together.	They will start to ask philosophical questions about the
What makes your book/story special?		world around them and question the reliability of their
Where did you get your ideas from?	I wonder who wrote this story?	sense of sight.
How does it make you feel when you share	I wonder if this story is true?	
your book/story?		Children can be encouraged to look at the symbol of Islam
How does your book/story make others	Was the moon in the well?	– the crescent moon and star and to begin to recognise
feel?	Why did he think it was?	religious symbols.
Why are you making the book/story?		
Where will you keep you special book		
/story?		

Christianity

Activity – writing stories and reading stories		
Questions to Ask	Digging Deeper	Links to Religious Education
What is your book/story about?	Why not try	Chn will begin to understand that religious text contain
Who is going to be reading it?	Read The Parable of the Lost Sheep.	important information to a believer about how they live.
Who is in your book/story?		
What makes your book/story special?	You need to explain that these are stories	Christians could learn from this story that God loves
Where did you get your ideas from?	Jesus told to people.	everyone. The shepherd represents God and the sheep –
How does it make you feel when you share		people/ God's children. God will want to find one of us.
your book/story?	I wonder why Jesus told these stories?	
How does your book/story make others	I wonder what someone would learn from	They will start to ask questions about stories and to think
feel?	the story?	about what is inferred from a text.
Why are you making the book/story?	I wonder if you have to be Christian to	
	learn from the story?	

Where will you keep you special book	I wonder if other stories have messages?	
/story?		

Aesop's Fables

Activity – writing stories and reading stories		
Questions to Ask	Digging Deeper	Links to Religious Education
What is your book/story about?	Why not try	Chn will begin to understand that stories can contain
Who is going to be reading it?	Read one of Aesop's fables.	messages, morals or lessons about how they live.
Who is in your book/story?	Explain who Aesop is and what a fable	
What makes your book/story special?	and a moral are.	They will start to ask questions about stories and to think
Where did you get your ideas from?		about what is inferred from a text.
How does it make you feel when you share	I wonder why Aesop told these stories?	
your book/story?	I wonder what someone would learn from	Children will begin to think about how a text or story
How does your book/story make others	the story?	could influence a person's actions.
feel?	I wonder if other stories have messages?	
Why are you making the book/story?		
Where will you keep you special book		
/story?		

Small World or Godly Play

Activity – Small World or Godly play		
This includes toys and activities that children can use to tell the stories above.		
Or retelling the story through Godly play.		
Questions to Ask	Digging Deeper	Links to Religious Education
	Why not try	
In small world activities the practitioner	I wonder what part of the story you like	
should play alongside the child to build up	the best?	These questions encourage the children to reflect on the
a dialogue, which will provide answers to	I wonder what part was the most	story, to think about the most significant parts of it and to
the following questions:	important?	understand how religious believers can use stories to help

What are you doing?	I wonder if any part of the story was	them make moral decisions and influence them in their
What is your favourite animal?	about you or what part you were in?	daily life.
How do the animals feel?	I wonder if we could leave out any of the	
What is going to happen?	story and still have all the story that we	
	need?	
In Godly play the practitioner tells the story	I wonder what it has inspired you to do	
using the Godly play box.	today?	

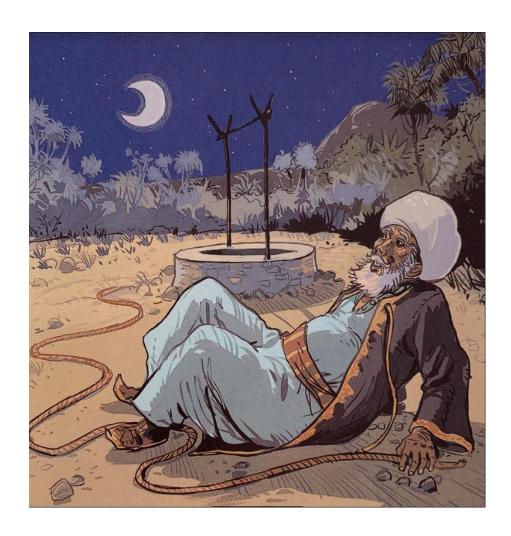
Resources:



David and Goliath

A picture of David clearly showing his shield.

Saving the Moon



Mullah Nasruddin is a popular funny charater in stories in the Middle East and Central Asia. Some stories are just amusing whilst others teach a lesson.

Mullah Nasruddin was walking past a well one night during Ramadan. He peered into the water below and was shocked to see the moon down there. 'I must save the moon' he thought. 'Otherwise there will be no moon, and the month of Ramadan will never end.' He threw a rope into the well, and it caught on a rock. Nassruddin pulled hard on the rope. Suddenly, it gave way, and he was thrown backwards. Lying on the ground, he noticed the moon up in the sky. 'Lucky I came along to help you out!' he cried happily.