





Bible context: Samuel

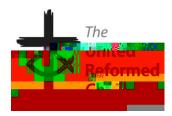
The Books of Samuel were originally one book but later it was split in two because it is

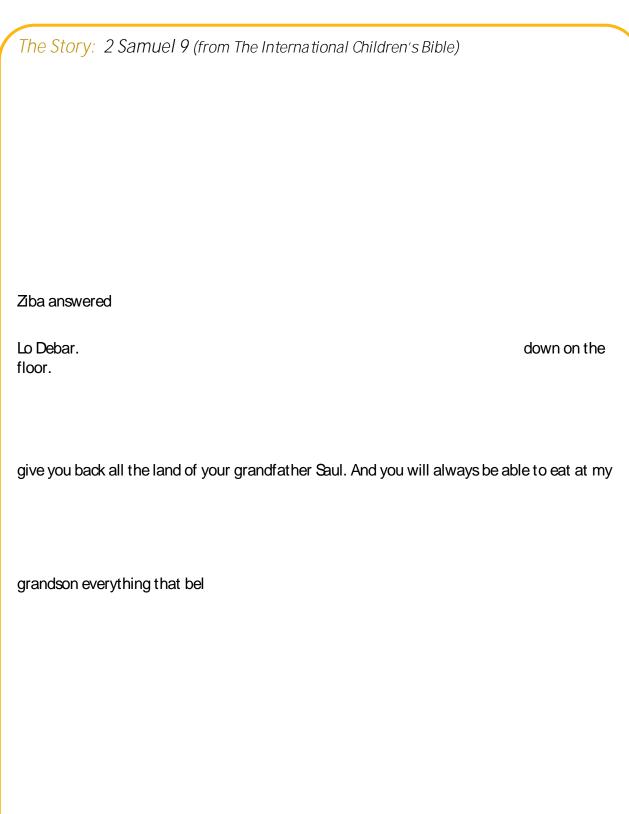
3000 years ago. Samuel was a priest, prophet and a judge in Israel and his story is told in 1 Samuel, along with the story of King Saul, who was not a good king and did not listen to

of King David and in this story we see how he seeks to bring Jo

Watch and Listen

David's Promise | Bible Stories Read Aloud







Ideas to Retell/Explore the Story

Rudyard Kipling, who originally wrote the Jungle Book, was an author and poet who lived in

ble story and

how we can live as good disciples. Maybe you could think of some verses of your own.

If you can value people

And not judge on what you see.

If you can welcome others

And show generosity.

If you can give without conditions

Whether they deserve or not.

If you can keep your promises,

Share all the love you've got.

If you remember friendships

And stand true to what you say.

If you stand up for others,

Never mind what people say.

Try to follow your friend Jesus

In the things you say and do.

And say sorry for the times when

You don't get it quite right, too.

God's welcome is for everyone,

Can't be earned and you don't pay.

You are a child of God and you

Live the Jesus way.

Writ en by

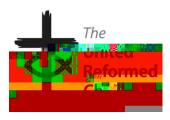


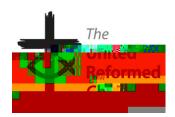
Table Top Discussions

Each day over a mealtime, have a quick conversation. Here are a few questions to get you going:

- o Jonathon. Would it change how you treat other people if you thought of them as children of God? Is it ever difficult to do that?
- o What does family mean to you?
- o Mephiboshet

0

o What sort of promises might you make to your best friend?



Pray Together

Spoonful Prayers

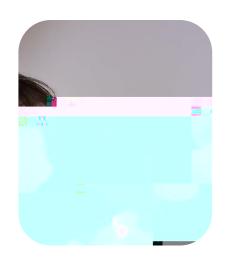
You will need: Dessert spoons

Ensure everyone has their own spoon. First look into the back of the spoon, see how your reflection is the right way round. Take a moment to study your face and think about all the things you value about yourself (you could name them out loud). For instance: smiley/ being friendly/ helpful/ good listener. Try to think about all the kind things you do for others or that they do for you.

Now turn the spoon round and look into it. Experiment with moving the spoon nearer to you, further away from you, turn it on its side. What do you notice about your reflectio

you. I wonder how others see you? I wonder how you see others? Do you sometimes forget to value yourself and others?

Take a moment to say this prayer together:



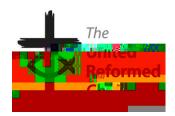
Creator God, you made us just as we should be, just right.

Help us to see the value in ourselves – thank you God,

Help us to see the value in others – thank you God,

Remind us that we are all valued in your eyes – thank you God,

Amen.

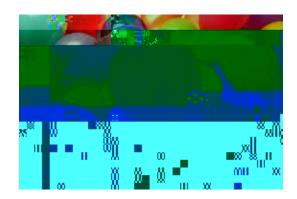


Pray Together

Balloon Prayers

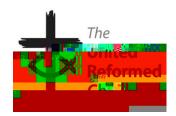
You will need: A blown-up balloon each

(You could use the balloons you make in the messy activity)



Use your hand to start batting your balloon up in the air. See how many bats you can do to keep the balloon in the air. After a moment or two, using just one balloon, start batting the balloon to someone else, each time shouting out something you value in them. Try to make sure everyone has a turn, and something is said about each person. When you are finished, ask everyone to pick up their balloon again so everyone has one and start batting them up and down, this time shouting out thank you God for

balloon hits your hand. After a moment or two all shout out Amen.



Pray Together

Pocket Cross

Our story reminds us to be kind and encourage others. Sometimes it helps to have something to remind you that you are not alone. By making a pocket cross for someone to keep in their pocket, you are also saying a prayer to bless and encourage them.

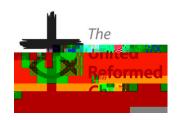
You will need: Card (recycle packaging or cereal boxes etc)

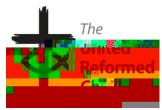
Wool

What to do:

Out out a cross from your card, remembering it needs to be small enough to fit in a pocket. Tie or tape one end of the wool to your card cross then wrap around the card until all is covered. Leave a space at the ends or put a dab of glue on the card at the edges to stop the wool slipping off. When finished, fasten the wool off.

Who could you give this to? This might help with tests, exams and visiting new classes or a







To Do Together...

Mascot

You will need: Pair of old socks

Small elastic bands

Stuffing or cotton wool balls A small piece of ribbon

What you do:

If you are using trainer socks, you may need to use both socks for this; if using an ankle sock you can get away with using just one.

Flatten the sock out and put a small piece of stuffing or half a cotton wool ball in the corner of the toe seam to form an ear and tie it off with an elastic band. Do the same with the other side.

Stuff the sock with a few handfuls of cotton wool balls or stuffing and tie it off with an elastic band.

Tie some string/thread or another elastic band halfway down the body sh tie to too tight as you will want to tuck the rest of the sock into it).

Turn the tail of the sock inside out and pull the remainder of the sock up over the rest of the body of the bear.

Put a small piece of stuffing to form the legs and the arms and tie them with elastic bands. Tuck the end of the sock into the string around the neck. Tie a ribbon around the neck to finish it off and the(I)-3()-3(need)7(:)]TJETQq0.000008871 0 595.32 841.92 reW*nBT/22V





To Do Together...

Value Picture

You will need: Charcoal or black pencil or crayon

Large sheet of paper

A piece of coloured paper or fabric, or a bright coloured pen.



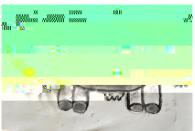
What you do:

Value art is when you define how light or dark a colour is by adding highlights, or bold colour can be added to highlight the image.

Draw a simple image or word on a large sheet of paper and colour it in using only black, shading it to create different shades of the same colour.



Once you have finished, add a bright colour, either by drawing it in or sticking something on to the picture. This highlights the picture and enables us to truly see it. Suddenly the very plain picture becomes something special.



Sometimes we just need something to be highlighted for people to really see our true value. Look around you and see what you might highlight in others so that people recognise how special they are.





To Do Together...

Balloon Drawing

You will need: A balloon

Pens

What you do:

On the uninflated balloon, draw an image. Inflate the balloon and see the image change.

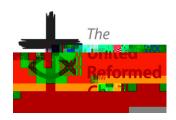
Sometimes things get distorted and changed. What other people see is not always the real person underneath. Mephibosheth was judged by others

David saw him for who he was and welcomed him into the family. Instead of seeing people how society sees them and judges them, we need to remember how









Adventurers Go!

Why not send photos of your crafts, your treasure boxes, your Walking the Way challenges or dress up to make a tableau of the Big Story and take a photo to send in.

Email your photos to: <u>lorraine.webb@urc.org.uk</u> with parental permission for them to be used in publicity and online URC social media.

Alternatively, share them on our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/URCchildren.and.youth/

Remember you can find more resources on our website: https://urc.org.uk/resources-for-children-and-youth

Friends on Faith Adventures (FOFA) when things get back to normal again.

Created for you by Nicola Grieves (Eastern Synod), Judy Harris (National Synod of Wales), Hannah Middleton (Northern Synod), Philip Ray (Wessex Synod, North), Lorraine Webb (Programme Officer for CYW), and Ruth White (Wessex Synod, South) on behalf of the CYDO+ and Children's and Youth Work team and Pilots.

