

Topic: Wise Words	Phase: UKS2	Strand: RE – Exploring
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What should I already know?

- That some stories have ‘hidden’ messages, and what these messages might be.
- About some religious stories, such as the Christmas Story, Joseph and the Dreamcoat, the Exodus of the Jews from Egypt, etc
- Some basic background information about Christianity, Islam and Sikhism.

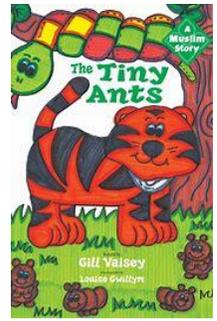
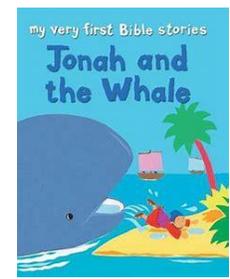
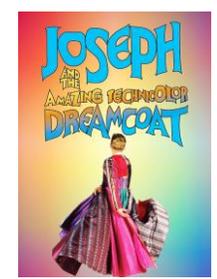
At the end of the unit, I will be able to:

- Identify stories that have messages and say what those messages are.
- Think about why those messages might be important for believers
- Investigate the key messages from a religious story, reflect why these messages are important to believers, and how they might impact their lives.
- Reflect on what wise words mean to me, and which messages have made an impact on my life so far.
- Reflect on how my personal values affect others both in school and in my community.

Key Information

Almost all stories have a ‘hidden message’ within them – even ones that you read as a child. Think about what you learnt reading Goldilocks, or The Gingerbread Man - these stories all had meanings to help you learn about the world – don’t talk to strangers, don’t wander off from your loved ones, etc. Stories with hidden messages have been told for thousands of years in order to pass on messages and morals, and to teach people about their faith and the world around them.

Religious texts are full of these types of stories, and are used by believers to learn about their religion and their place in it. They are very valuable to believers and should be treated with the utmost respect. Some of these stories are ones we have learnt about already in school, and some are ones you might know from TV or film.



**We are MANOR!
As learners we will ...**

Manners	Develop a respect and understanding for the views and opinions of other people and share ideas about our own ideas and thoughts in a respectful manner. We will celebrate good work, value others’ contributions, and discuss and debate opinions.
Aspiration	Learn by being challenged in a series of well-designed and interesting activities designed to deepen our understanding of the world and broaden our horizons. We will be aspirational in developing knowledge and conceptual understanding through practical activities and discussions.
Nurture	To recognise that we live in a wonderful world made up of many different people and ways of living. We will develop an appreciation and respect for the diverse world and environment in which we live, showing care and compassion for the people and beliefs around us.
Open-Mindedness	We will be open-minded so that we can learn more about others and the way in which they live their lives. We will listen respectfully to each other and not laugh at or make fun of what other people say.
Resilience	Engage confidently with the RE curriculum and learn that anything is possible and failure is not something to fear but to learn from. We will support each other to learn new things and share what we know so that we might help others.

Bilal, the First Muezzin

Bilal was born in slavery and served as a housekeeper for his master - Ummayya bin Khalaf - who was not a Muslim. When Bilal was 40, he accepted the religion of Islam and became a Muslim. When Ummayya bin Khalaf and his family went to worship idols, Bilal would pray to Allah as taught by Islam, although this was not allowed by his master. One day Ummayya bin Khalaf came to know of Bilal's secret prayers. He called Bilal and asked, "Oh Bilal, do you worship and bow down to the God of Muhammad?" Bilal was not afraid. He replied, 'Yes Master, I do worship Allah, the only God.' The reply angered Ummayya greatly. He began to torture Bilal. He was tied with ropes and made to lie on the burning hot desert sand at mid-noon. But Bilal was strong in his new belief. He refused to worship idols and kept crying "AHAD-AHAD", meaning "One God, One God." The tortures continued and were increased, yet Bilal would not yield. Prophet Muhammad had heard of and seen the torture of Bilal. It pained him extremely to learn that a true believer should suffer in such a manner and so he set him free. Bilal had a strong faith in Allah and a great love for the Prophet. The Prophet liked Bilal's sweet voice and made him the first Muezzin -The Caller To The Prayers.

The Lost Sheep (Matthew 18:10-14)

Jesus tells the parable of the lost sheep to show that the Kingdom of God is accessible to all, even those who were sinners or strayed from God's path. He uses the example of a shepherd (God) who has 100 sheep and one goes missing. The shepherd leaves the 99 others and searches high and low for the lost sheep. Jesus stresses that when the shepherd finds the lost sheep he rejoices over it more than the 99 who did not go astray. This is how God will rejoice when a sinner returns to Him.



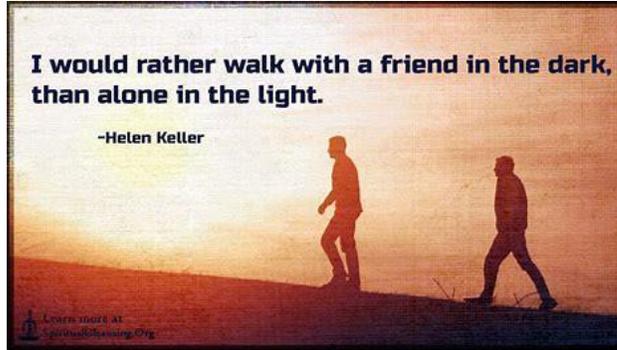
Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 22)

After waiting 25 years for his promised son, Abraham was told by God to sacrifice the boy as an offering. Abraham obeyed and took Isaac up a mountain. Isaac asked his father where the lamb was for the sacrifice, and Abraham answered that the Lord would provide the lamb. Saddened and confused, Abraham bound Isaac with ropes and placed him on the stone altar. Just as Abraham raised the knife to slay his son, the angel of the Lord called out to Abraham to stop and not harm the boy. The angel said he knew that Abraham feared the Lord because he had not withheld his only son. When Abraham looked up, he saw a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. He sacrificed the animal provided by God, instead of his son.

Non – Religious Wise Words

Not all Wise Words have to have a religious connection – and nor do they need to be full stories. Some people find quotes like these inspirational and informative. What do they mean to you?

"They laugh at me
Because I am Different
I Laugh at them
Because they're all
The same "
-Kurt Cobain



**“Have more than you
show, speak less than
you know.”**
-William Shakespeare

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Have you heard of any
more like this?

“The meaning of life is
to find your gift.
The purpose of life is
to give it away.”

Pablo Picasso

Keep smiling, keep shining
Knowing you can always
count on me
For sure
That's what friends are for
In good times and bad times
I'll be on your side forever more
That's what friends are for
- Burt Bacharach

**May
your choices
reflect your
hopes,
not your
fears.**

- Nelson Mandela -

Vocabulary

fable	a short story conveying a moral.
guidance	advice or information aimed at resolving a problem or difficulty, especially as given by someone in authority.
flock	group under the guidance of a leader
slave	a person who is the legal property of another and is forced to obey them
master	a man who has people working for him, especially servants or slaves.
sacrifice	an act of giving up something valued for the sake of something else regarded as more important or worthy.
obedience	compliance with an order, request, or law or submission to another's authority.
fable	a short story conveying a moral.

Wise Words Quiz

- 1). True or false – Wise words can **ONLY** come from religious stories.
- 2). How many sheep did Jesus say the shepherd had, and how many got lost?
- 3). What did God say Abraham had to do to his son, Isaac?
- 4). What did Bilal shout out when he was being tortured?
- 5). What do you think this quote means... “And in the end it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years.” – Abraham Lincoln.