

You can choose from one of the following three options for the CPD session.

Exploring Bible Stories outdoors

Using a Bible Story as our context we'll share practical ideas for telling stories outdoors, exploring them and ensuring we're meeting our learning objectives. We'll think about how we can use a variety of outdoor settings to our advantage, keeping our lessons active (especially in the cold!) and ensure everyone is involved and learning. We love ideas which require minimum preparation and can easily be adapted for the setting and the weather.

This session will be based on a Bible story, but all the ideas will be applicable and easily transferable to other faiths/beliefs and indeed across the curriculum.

This session will enable teachers to

- Develop practical skills in storytelling outdoors.
- Take home simple ideas for teaching and exploring stories outdoors.
- Reflect on the benefits of teaching (RME) outdoors.
- Hear and learn a Bible Story, be confident to teach and explore it in an outdoor or indoor setting.

Encouraging discussion and engagement in RME

With children having a range of views, opinions and attitudes towards faith and belief how can we encourage them all to engage in respectful discussion? Using a Bible Story as our context we'll think through how we can ensure all children are engaging and how we can create an environment where everyone listens to others, recognises that their views are valid and valued and has the confidence to express what they believe.

This session will be filled with practical ideas for you to take away and use.

The session will

- Build teachers confidence in teaching Christianity in a setting where children hold a variety of beliefs.
- Provide practical ideas for leading discussions within RME.
- Demonstrate the value of learners learning listening and reflective skills and growing in confidence to share their opinions.
- Reflect on the benefits of ensuring RME is an integral part of learning contexts.

Bringing an ancient story alive

Stories are fun and engaging! Come and hear an ancient story recorded for us in the Bible, get some tips for improving your storytelling and reflect on what we can learn from a story that's thousands of years old. We'll share lots of practical ideas for exploring a Bible story that will help children engage with and learn from the story including discovering Christian belief and exploring the values found in the story.

The session will enable teachers to

- Develop practical skills in storytelling.
- Reflect on the benefits and possibilities of using stories as a basis for learning in RME.
- Grow in confidence at helping learners extract key points (beliefs) from a story.
- Appreciate the potential of embedding RME across the curriculum through the stories.
- Hear and learn a Bible story and take home practical ideas for telling and exploring it.