

CREATING AN RE DAY ON THE BIBLE 15TH FEBRUARY LED BY MARGARET COOLING

Do you have a King James Bible at home?

Has one been passed down by your family over the generations?

The King James Bible, also known as the Authorized Version was the focus for a fantastic day of training led by Margaret Cooling at the Bury Cathedral Centre. Margaret has developed an online resource about how to use the King James Bible with children throughout the curriculum. All the resources are available FREE on the website, at least for the next year so make sure you download all the resources! There are audio files, storyboards, powerpoints, worksheets and much more. The website address is www.bible4schools.org

CELEBRATING 400 YEARS

Margaret began by suggesting ideas for a King James Bible celebration. This included theme weeks or days, linking with a local library, holding a bible fancy dress party (be careful about 'Eve's!) and of course having a cake (watch your health and safety if you have 400 candles though!).

The website provides three different routes- through the history of the bible's development, age appropriate activities and curriculum links through subject areas. The activities are grouped into different age stagess across the primary phase.

The website provides a lasting legacy...perhaps for another 400 years!



ACTIVITIES

The day was full of possibilities- too many to share here; these are some of the highlights:

- Exploring the Hebrew and Greek; writing their own names; literacy links relating to punctuation
- Using shoe boxes to 'build the foundations' of the formation of the King James Bible
- Considering the nature of 'control' and 'revolution' in the King James Bible story
- Recreating traditional printing methods
- Exploring artists' paintings inspired by the bible
- Analyzing and creating music inspired by the bible
- Signing famous passages from the bible or turning them into dance

A LEGACY OF 400 YEARS

- Developing shoe box or story bag stories. Margaret demonstrated two of these- Baby Moses, and the Good Samaritan. They are similar in style to reflective storytelling.
- Considering the feelings or qualities of particular characters in a story as you listen to it
- Creating poetry or prayers using Hebrew principles of couplets that rhyme in meaning
- Developing teamwork through games linked to the creation of the King James Bible through teamwork and collaboration
- Creating powerpoint slides to illustrate different lines of the Lord's Prayer
- Reflecting on words or phrases in Psalm 23 that mean something special
- Creating news headlines using 'sayings' that have originated from the King James Bible
- Creating a treasure box of bible quotations
- Exploring the impact of the King James Bible on eminent Victorians such as Charles Kingsley, Elizabeth Fry and George Cadbury

Margaret was a truly inspiring speaker. There were so many opportunities she provided, that by the end of the day we all felt that we needed a whole month of celebration in schools...a day was not enough!

If you haven't already started exploring the website...it's time to begin now!!

