



London Diocesan Board for Schools

Books & Resources

September 2009 – Book Reviews – New Publications

KS1

‘The Lion Book of Prayers to Read and Know’ by Sophie Piper

Price: £6.99

Published by Lion

ISBN 978 0 7459 6147 7

- Bright format which is easy to read.
- Divided into eight themed sections so that it would be easy to find a suitable prayer in a hurry.
- Introduces children to different aspects of prayer.
- A useful addition to the school worship collection.

Stories to Remember series by Lynne Broadbent & John Logan

Published by RMEP

Price: £2.99 each

- These books are easy to read which makes the stories accessible to KS1 children.

‘An Amazing Catch of Fish and other Christian stories’

ISBN 978 1 8517 5371 0

- A collection of three Christian stories: ‘The Amazing Catch of Fish’; ‘The Little Man in the Tree’; and ‘The Birthday of the Church’

‘The Boy with Stars in his Mouth’

ISBN 978 1 8517 5367 3

- A collection of three Hindu stories: ‘The Boy with Stars in his Mouth’; ‘The Elephant-Headed God’; and ‘The Monkey General’

Places for Worship series by Lynne Broadbent & John Logan

Published by RMEP

Price: £2.99 each

- This series was written by John Logan, Head of St Mary & St Peter’s Primary School, Teddington together with Lynne Broadbent.

‘At Home and the Church’

ISBN 978 1 8517 5375 8

- Comparing and contrasting the differences between the Church of England and the Baptist Church.
- The book contains clear, helpful explanations.

‘At Home and the Synagogue’

ISBN 978 1 8517 5379 6

- The first time I have read a book written for this age range which clearly looks at the commonalities and differences between Orthodox and Liberal Judaism.
- Clear text, using quotes from the Liturgy.
- A simple, clear introduction to Judaism.

KS1 & KS2

‘NikNak Stepping Stones’ CD by Caddy Callaghan & Chris Hoyne

Price: £12.99

Published by Pauline Books and Media

Website: www.pauline-uk.org

- Bright lively songs for every occasion. Some are explicitly Christian.

KS2

'The Lion Encyclopedia of the Bible' by Peter Atkinson

Price: £14.99

Published by Lion

ISBN 978 0 7459 6010 4

- A brilliant resource – one of the best books about the Bible I have ever seen.
- The author is the Dean of Worcester Cathedral and a theologian and it really shows in the way he has approached the text.
- Lively retelling of stories, colourful pictures with maps and diagrams and best of all insightful explanations of the reasons and thinking behind the stories.
- Much of what is in the book will be a revelation to adults too.
- I would like one of these books for myself rather than just for our library because it makes complex texts clear and steers people away from a literal approach to the Bible.

'RE Ideas: Christianity - 50+ copiable activities for 7-11's' by Pamela Draycott, Lat Blaylock & Rachel Barker

Published by RE Today Services

Price: £34.90 but will be £17.50 if purchased on the special form in this pack which attracts a Diocesan discount.

- A wide range of supporting materials on Christianity.
- Each of the 50+ activities are levelled so that assessment would be very simple.
- Please see flyer to gain a discount on this fantastic resource.



This book has been added as an additional resource in the LDBS RE Scheme of Work.

KS2 & KS3

'The Lion Encyclopedia of Jesus' by Lois Rock

Price: £9.99

Published by Lion

ISBN 978 0 7459 6168 2

- I reviewed this book when it was published as a hardback and I thought then that it was good value.
- Lois Rock is very good at holding the attention of young people. She makes difficult ideas accessible.
- A very useful resource telling the story of Jesus and packed with nuggets of background information which place the stories in a context, both historical and theological.

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BOOK**

KS2 & KS3

'The Book of Books: The Bible Retold' by Trevor Dennis

Price: £9.99

Published by Lion

ISBN 978 0 7459 6912 1

- Advertised as the Bible "retold for 9-12 years olds" but actually worth a much wider audience.
- The Bible has been split into 12 chapters, each has an interesting introduction explaining about the story, who wrote it and why.
- Each chapter is split into collective worship size segments which comfortably stand alone making this book a useful basis for a programme of worship.
- The author is Vice-Dean of Chester Cathedral and his theological approach shines through the narrative.
- I found the style lively and engaging, it was as if I was reading some stories for the first time and I wanted to read more.
- A brilliant resource you will use over and over again.

KS3 & KS4

'The Cure' by Michael Coleman

Price: £8.99

Published by Orchard Books

ISBN 978 1 8461 6344 9

- A very challenging novel, a modern version of 1984.
- God and religion have been outlawed and instead people are made to worship Darwin as Saviour. There is also a cult of celebrity worship who are elected by common acclamation.
- Free will, freedom of thought, and belief are outlawed.
- This book will provide endless opportunities for discussion about religion, morality and ethics.

Upper KS2, KS3, KS4 & Sixth Form

Truth Seekers series by Elicia Lewis

Published by RMEP

Price: £39.99 each or £99.99 for series

'Thinking about Truth'

ISBN 978 1 8517 5364 2

'Thinking about God'

ISBN 978 1 8517 5362 8

'Thinking about God's Nature'

ISBN 978 1 8517 5363 5

- Topics covered in the three books are:
 - The theory of knowledge
 - Arguing effectively
 - What is truth?
 - Does God exist?
 - Can we experience God?
 - What is God like?
 - Why does God allow evil and suffering
- Many primary schools now do Philosophy for Children (P4C) and there are many that use Edward de Bono's 'Six Thinking Hats'. These books use the same techniques and approaches to thinking.
- There are extensive teaching and learning notes including background on the religion and philosophical ideas. Assessment examples and levels are also included.
- I thoroughly enjoyed the programme and the wide range of activities and work sheets on the accompanying CD.
- Extremely challenging and thought provoking. I wanted to work through the whole programme for myself. The books are designed to help students develop critical, caring and creative thinking.
- Could be useful for a gifted and talented Year 6 group.
- A fascinating programme which is also designed to key in with the non-statutory guidelines for secondary schools.

All Ages

'The Painted World' by John Reilly

Price: £19.95

Published by Christian Press

ISBN 978 1 8732 9523 6

- Visually stunning book with challenging and inspiring artwork.
- Each picture is linked to biblical references.
- Exquisitely detailed and spiritually uplifting pictures which appear to have a central theme of light.

Staff

'Up West' by Pip Granger

Price: £6.99

Published by Corgi

ISBN 978 0 5521 5375 1

- A fascinating insight into life in Central London in the 1950's.
- Several of our schools are mentioned.
- The book covers Soho and Covent Garden and paints a picture of a time very different to our own.

'REthinking 19: We and They – using RE to support community cohesion' by Chris Hudson

Published by The Stapleford Centre

ISBN 978 1 9022 3477 9

- A helpful guide to community cohesion with practical ideas for the classroom.
- Contains a pre-ofsted audit.
- Very useful if you are writing a policy.

‘REthinking 20: Stardust and Stones – RE and learning outside the classroom’ by Chris Hudson
Published by The Stapleford Centre ISBN 978 1 9022 3478 6

- A practical guide to planning school trips and risk assessment.
- I particularly liked the introduction to spiritual development and reflection – e.g. What is your first conscious memory of:
 - being at ‘peace’ in a place?
 - being valued or respected by an adult not from your family
 - experiencing real beauty in a natural scene or object
 - realising that you had a natural ability or skill
 - a religious experience.

‘REthinking 21: RE and music education’ by Penny Hollander & Ruth Houston
Published by The Stapleford Centre ISBN 978 1 9022 3479 3

- This book contains lots of ideas for a creative curriculum.
- The links and details of music which is allied to different faith traditions is very helpful.
- The watch words are ‘explore’, ‘express’ and ‘engage’.
- The annotated resource list at the back is invaluable and it even indicates what is available on itunes.

Free Books & Resources available to schools:

During the summer holiday we had a clear out of the resource centre at the London Diocese. Books and magazines have been removed from our system and are available to schools. Please find below a list of all resources available free to schools. The only cost to schools will be for packaging and postage costs which we will invoice the school for.

If you would like to ‘order’ listed resources please contact Leanne Gowar on 020 7932 1159 or leanne.gowar@london.anglican.org Please note that all books will be available on a first come first served basis so order soon to avoid disappointment. Resources will be kept until Christmas 2009.

Magazines

Cracking Infant RE magazines:

- Belonging (Vol 1, Issue 1, Autumn 2002)
- Homes and families & Putting others first (Vol 1, Issue 2, Spring 2003)
- Choices & The Environment (Vol 1, Issue 3, Summer 2003)

Cracking Junior RE magazines:

- Belonging (Vol 1, Issue 1, Autumn 2002)
- Homes and families & Putting others first (Vol 1, Issue 2, Spring 2003)
- Choices & The Environment (Vol 1, Issue 3, Summer 2003)

Developing Primary RE booklets (Published by RE Today):

- Home and Family...the role of religion (2003) edited by Joyce Mackley
- Spirited Arts: Exploring and expressing through art in Primary RE (2005) edited by Rachel Barker
- Faith Stories: Using them in the classroom (2002) edited by Joyce Mackley
- Moving on up: Using stories from religions to explore beliefs about God (2006) by Lat Blaylock & Pamela Draycott.

RE Today Magazines:

- RE and History (Vol 9, No 3, Summer 1992)
- RE and Imagination (Vol 10, No 2, Spring 1993)
- RE and Technology (Vol 10, No 3, Summer 1993)
- Taking account of... (Vol 11, No 1, Autumn 1993)
- Focus on Gender (Vol 11, No 2, Spring 1994)
- Religion as... (Vol 11, No 3, Summer 1994)
- Inspecting RE (Vol 12, No 1, Autumn 1994)
- Living a Faith (Vol 12, No 2, Spring 1995)
- Christianity (Vol 12, No 3, Summer 1995)
- Learning from... (Vol 13, No 1, Autumn 1995)
- RE for all... (Vol 13, No 2, Spring 1996)
- What sort of a World... (Vol 13, No 3, Summer 1996)
- Delivering Quality RE (Vol 14, No 1, Autumn 1996)
- Good and Evil (Vol 14, No 3, Summer 1997)
- Personal Search (Vol 15, No 1, Autumn 1997)
- Citizenship (Vol 17, No 3, Summer 2000)
- Faiths and Identities (Vol 18, No 2, Spring 2001)
- RE and Creativity (Vol 18, No 3, Summer 2001)
- Life and death (Vol 19, No 1, Autumn 2001)
- Learning Together (Vol 19, No 3, Summer 2002)
- Listening for God (Vol 20, No 2, Spring 2003)
- RE and the whole curriculum (Vol 20, No 3, Summer 2003)
- Power in religion (Vol 21, No 2, Spring 2004)
- The truth about religion (Vol 21, No 3, Summer 2004)
- Frameworks in RE (Vol 22, No 1, Autumn 2004)
- Challenging religion, challenging education (Vol 23, No 1, Autumn 2005)
- Heroes and Villians in RE (Vol 23, No 2, Spring 2006)

Books:

Phase	Title	Author	Publisher	Date	ISBN
KS1	charliepc@re-world.net : A story-based exploration of behavioural patterns for 5-7s	Sally Jones	Barnabas	2004	1 8410 1329 3
KS1	Instant Art for Christianity in RE	Pete & Ruth Townsend	Kevin Mayhew	1997	1 8400 3092 5
KS1 & 2	Resources for teaching Christianity (KS1 & 2)		Culham Institute	2000	
KS2	The Stranger in the Fish Shop: The teaching and ministry of Jesus	Hilary Creed	Kevin Mayhew	2000	1 8400 3662 1
KS2	A Time to Grow		Geoffrey Chapman	1985	0 2256 6463 1
Primary	The House on the Rock	Nick Butterworth & Mick Inkpen	Marshall Morgan & Scott	1986	0 5510 1279 X
Primary	Our Culture: Jewish	Jenny Wood	Franklin Watts	1988	0 863 13670 2
Primary	From Advent to Pentecost	Lizzie McWhirter	Coventry Diocesan Board of Education	2001	
Primary	A-cross the World		CMS		
Primary	Praying as a School: Prayers for Assembly	Kate Thompson	Kevin Mayhew	2003	1 8441 7171 X
Primary	Living Stories: Family Fortunes	Chris Hudson	Church House	1999	0 7151 4924 5
Primary	What I believe: Discover the Religions of the World	Alan Brown & Andrew Langley	Macdonald Young Books	1999	0 7500 2689 8

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Primary	What I believe: Discover the Religions of the World	Alan Brown & Andrew Langley	Fernleigh Books	1999	1 9052 1200 3
Primary	RESource Bank: Using the Bible in the Primary Curriculum (Book 2)	Margaret Cooling & Diane Walker	Bible Society	1993	0 5640 8565 0
Primary	RESource Bank: Using the Bible in the Primary Curriculum (Book 3)	Margaret Cooling & Diane Walker	Bible Society	1993	0 5640 8575 8
Primary	The promise of the Rainbow	Judith Russi	Geoffrey Chapman	1992	0 2256 6655 3
Primary	Key Stages: Developing Primary School Collective Worship	Jackie Hughes & Yvonne Collins	Church House	1996	0 7151 4860 5
Primary	Teaching RE: Founders & Leaders 5-11		CEM	1998	1 8510 0109 3
Primary	Let's celebrate: Story Book	Kenneth McLeish	Ginn	1987	
Primary	Discovering Everyday Things	Meryl Fergus	Lion	1979	0 8564 8140 8
Primary	Discovering Colours	Meryl Fergus	Lion	1979	0 8564 8174 2
Primary	Discovering Shapes & Designs	Meryl Doney	Lion	1980	0 8564 8260 9
Primary	Discovering The City	Meryl Doney	Lion	1984	0 8564 8259 5
Primary	Discovering the out of doors	Meryl Doney	Lion	1984	0 8564 8175 0
Primary	Children Need Water	Wendy Davies	Wayland	1988	1 8521 0270 5
Primary	Children Need Food	Harry Undy	Wayland	1987	1 8521 0104 0
Primary	Thank you for a book to read	Patricia & Victor Smeltzer	Lion	1980	0 8564 8261 7
Primary	Thank you for a drink of water	Patricia & Victor Smeltzer	Lion	1980	0 8564 8077 0
Primary	God Creates		Hunt & Thorpe	1992	1 8560 8078 1
Primary	Bear Facts: Day & Night Bear Facts: Air Bear facts: Fire Bear Facts: Water Bear Facts: Sounds Bear Facts: Rain	David Bennett	Mulberry Editions	1991 1991 1991 1991 1991 1991	1 8572 4002 2 0 9078 7497 5 0 9078 7496 7 0 9078 7499 1 0 9078 7498 3 1 8572 4000 6
Primary or Secondary	Daniel and the Mischief Boy: True stories of an African family	Paul Vallely	Fount	1993	0 0062 7675 X
Primary or Secondary	The Development Puzzle	Nance Lui Fyson	Hodder & Stoughton	1984	0 3403 4940 9
KS4	Planet Earth	William Merrick & Joan O'Sullivan	Oxford University Press	1993	0 1991 4364 1
Secondary	The Bible Guide: An all-in-one introduction to the book of books	Andrew Knowles	Lion	2001	0 7459 5090 6
Secondary	Praying their Faith: An insight into six world religions through the prayers of their members	Colin Johnson (ed)	CEM		1 8510 0132 8