

Week 4 - Other OT Writings

Hear the Word of the Lord

A Lent course for the Diocese of Chichester's
Year of the Bible

For youth



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○ Aim

To understand which other Old Testament writings there are and what stories they contain. Hopefully there will be some that people recognise. Also giving a brief overview of the psalms, proverbs and other praise writings and poetry.

○ Learning outcomes

- There are stories that are written to dispense wisdom.
- Which books other than the Law and the Prophets feature in the Old Testament.
- How do we use these books in our learning and in our Worship.

○ Materials Needed

A few giant dice.

Tub of celebrations of similar wrapped sweets.

Traffic signals accompaniment printout.

Physical bibles.

○ Video - 5 mins

Week 4 - Vic Manzano

This video can be found online at youth.chichester.anglican.org/lent/videos

It's up to you where in the session you use the video but either right at the start or after the icebreaker are both good places.

Start with prayer...

○ Bible Passage - 5 mins

The Bible passage can be read aloud from the front by the session leader or by one of the young people. Alternatively you may want young people to read a verse each around a circle or do something completely different, that's fine.

It might be fun to start with a game of **Bible cowboy**. You will need every young person to have a physical Bible. Every young person stands up with a Bible balanced on their head and takes the cowboy duel stance. The Bible reference is read out or placed on a screen where everyone can see it. When the leader shouts DRAW it's a race to be the first person to find the passage and bring their Bible to the front to prove it.

It's also worth having a prize for the winner. So perhaps some mini chocolate bars are worth keeping on standby.

Proverbs

3:1-18



○ Icebreaker - 15 mins

Everyone sits in a circle - if you have a particularly large number of young people you may want to split them into multiple smaller groups.

Each person starts with 5 sweets placed in front of them. A dice is introduced to the circle which they start rolling and passing around. When someone rolls a six they get to take a sweet from someone else in the circle - anyone they like.

As the game moves on you can introduce new rules to mix things up. Here are some examples, but you can make up your own.

- Give one young person their own dice
- Tell one young person they can take a sweet on a 1 or a 6
- Tell one young person they must give away a sweet if they roll a 3
- Give one young person an extra sweet from the tub every time the dice makes it all the way around the circle

At the end of the game ask if it was fair. Use the opportunity to talk about the wealth inequality in the world and how different people have different advantages, but God loves us the same.

Let the young people decide what to do with the sweets, they can share them equally, or each keep what they won in the game.



Large dice are preferable, but make sure you don't go too over the top. Large enough to read easily from a distance, small enough to be able to roll them fairly quickly.

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○ Discussion - 15 mins

In black are questions to read out to start discussion, in red are some pointers for guiding your discussion.

What Old Testament stories do you know that have taught you or encouraged you?

Perhaps split everyone up into pairs or smaller groups and get them to share some of the Old Testament stories they know. Bring them back together and hear which ones came up.

How can we look for God revealing himself in the Old Testament

Try to think about Jesus not as an after thought but as part of God's plan from the beginning. Where do we see signs and prompts of Jesus as Messiah?

Spend a few minutes looking through the book of proverbs. Find a word of wisdom that is relevant to you and share it with the group.

What makes good advice more than just good advice and instead good news?

Most people would agree that the Bible contains a lot of good wisdom and teaching. What makes the Bible more than just a book of Good teaching and wise words? Think about how the Bible nurtures deeper relationship with God.

How do you share your faith with others, what's your story?

In a world where everybody can think and believe whatever they want, stories and personal experience break through a barrier that many people have up against religious faith.

○ Creative Worship - 15 mins

Life is like a journey. Sometimes we get things wrong, but if we stay close to God then he will draw us on and find us a new route. Like a sat nav in a car, if you go the wrong way it will direct you on a new route to get to where you need to go.

Print out and cut up the traffic signs sheet. Ask each young person to pick a sign which they feel represents where they are on their journey with God. Depending on your group they may want to share why they chose the sign they did.

Pray at the end that they would be given opportunities to put their trust in God.

○ Takeaway - 5 mins

Encourage every young person to give something to charity this week.

Take something they no longer use or need to a charity shop or make a monetary donation to a good cause.