

THE BFG

The Big Friendly Giant and
Big Giants of Faith



IDEAS FOR COLLECTIVE WORSHIP IN
PRIMARY SCHOOLS

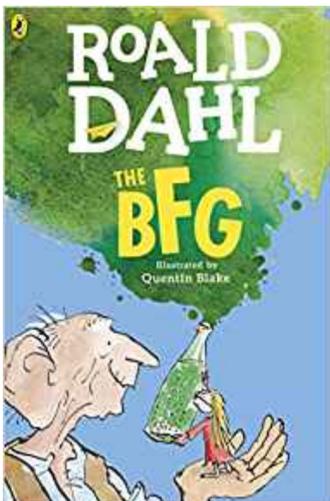


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Many pupils will have read the book *The BFG* by Roald Dahl and some may have seen the film version. Here are a few ideas that combine the the story of the BFG, Biblical Giants of Faith, Christian Values and Christian teaching that can be used in collective worship.

You could choose a couple of these ideas as a one off act of worship or Praise Party. However, there is enough material for at least a week of collective worship, if not more. The ideas could also be used by the children to create an act of worship or as the topic for a faith based after school club.

Enjoy adventuring with the BFG and learning more about our Huge AMAZING Big Friendly God.



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The BFG film version
Directed by Steven Spielberg
(2016)

THE BFG

Of course the BFG stands for Big Friendly Giant, but it can also stand for...



Create a display using the BFG titles of God. Refer to them throughout your collective worship time and connect them to stories of the Giants of Faith. The Biblical stories highlight the characteristics of God. E.g. Abraham – Big Family of God, Joseph – Big Faithful God

We are all members of the Big Family of God and He knows each one of us by name. God is our Faithful Friend and our Father in heaven. He is bigger than we can possibly imagine and walks with us every day.

There are a couple of conversations between Sophie and the BFG about believing in something you cannot see or have ever heard of before. This could lead to an interesting discussion about believing in God who is invisible but is revealed through creation, people and answered prayer.

Themes from the BFG

TRUST

Sophie is, at first frightened of the BFG. She thinks he is going to eat her. They have an amusing conversation about the different flavours of human beans. When she discovers that he is not going to eat her she is relieved and then her trust in him begins to grow. Their friendship quickly develops. The BFG is very sad to discover that Sophie is an orphan. He promises to look after her and be her family. The BFG trusts Sophie enough to show her the place where he catches dreams.

HOPE

The BFG catches dreams in 'dream country' during the day and then each evening he blows the dreams into bedrooms where human beans are sleeping.

Hopes and dreams are sometimes possible and real, and at other times they are impossible and imaginative. Hope is quite a difficult concept for children to grasp. Begin by talking about dreams, then move on to consider more serious hopes and finally think about what the children want to pray for.

FRIENDSHIP AND LOYALTY

The friendship between Sophie and the BFG is central to the story. Neither of them has any other really true friends. By the end of the story the two of them are firm friends and, in the cartoon version of the story, Sophie chooses to go and live with the BFG instead of remaining with the queen.

COURAGE

Sophie and the BFG show great courage on several occasions. The BFG has to be brave and protect Sophie from the other giants. The two of them show courage when they visit the Queen. The Armed forces show courage and loyalty when they go to capture the giants.

Giants of Faith

ABRAHAM

Abraham trusts God and is considered to be the father of all nations. We are all children of God. God is our Father and we can put our trust in him as Abraham did. Abraham uprooted his family and whole life and moved to the place where God wanted him to live. He showed hospitality to strangers and in old age God gave him the son he had promised. Abraham was faithful and obedient. Throughout the story of Abraham we are reminded that we are all members of the Big Family of God and he is our friend. God is a Big Faithful God who keeps his promises.

JOSEPH

Joseph of course was the dreamer who annoyed his brothers and ended up as a ruler in Egypt. God never abandoned Joseph and Joseph doesn't give up hope and trust in God. God protects Joseph and uses Joseph to save others.

ELIJAH

Elijah was one, if not the most famous, of the Old Testament prophets. There are several appropriate stories about Elijah that you could use including....

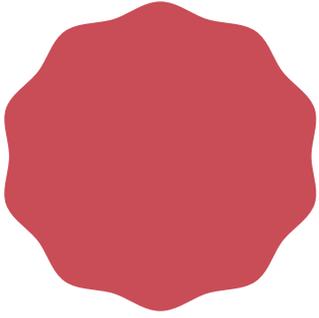
- The ravens feeding him in the wilderness – God provides
- Challenging the prophets of Baal – Elijah shows courage and faith and God truly reveals himself to be a Great Big God
- God speaks to Elijah in a whisper outside the cave on Mount Sinai – Listening to God and obeying his word.

RUTH

Ruth is a true and loyal friend to Naomi. She makes a clear choice to stay with Naomi and follow her God. Ruth is unselfish and is a hard worker.

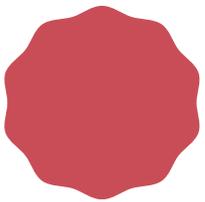
God honours her faithfulness to Him and Naomi.

Songs

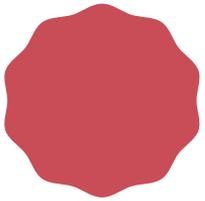


- Giants of Faith - Pete James
 - Higher, our God is Higher – Spring Harvest
 - Nothing's too big big for his power – Dougie Doug Doug
 - Our God is a Great big God
 - Written on the palm of God's hand – Fischy Music
- (Videos of most of the songs can be found on You Tube)

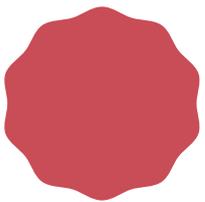
Ideas for Prayer activities



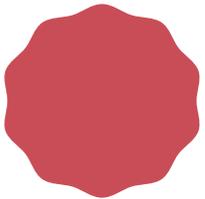
The BFG keeps dreams in bottles. Write prayers of hope on coloured paper that can be rolled up and put inside plastic bottles. The BFG catches dreams in a fishing net. Write prayers and collect them in a net.



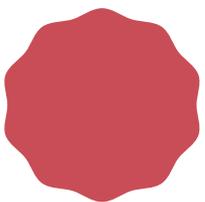
Cover cardboard tubes with green paper to represent Snozzcumpers. Write prayers about the horrible things in the world on this disgusting food that the BFG eats. When he is with the Queen he eats fried eggs, sausages and bacon write prayers on these 'foods' saying thank you for all good gifts from God.



Create a few pairs of big ears attached to head bands. Give children time to sit still and listen to God. Play some music quietly and light a candle.



Use fabric squares or ribbons to make a 'coat of many colourful prayers



Abraham is promised descendants as many as there are grains of sand. Put some clean dry sand into a bowl and ask children to say prayers can be said as they lift up a handful of sand and allow it to trickle through their fingers. God kept his promise to Abraham he will be listening to our prayers.