

Unit 3.1 Called by God – What does it mean to be called by God?

Overview of unit

- give children an opportunity to consider what it means to be called by God.
- give children an opportunity to consider the responses people have made in the past and still do today when they hear a call from God.

Key Questions

- What does it mean to be called by God?
- In what ways does God call people? How does God speak to people?
- What sort of tasks does God call people to do?
- Who has been/or could be called by God?

Key Knowledge and Understanding: What will we be learning about in this unit?

By the end of this unit pupils will know that:

- the Old Testament Prophets were called by God to give his message to the people.
- the Prophets were telling the people to turn back to God and mend their relationship with him. This is the beginning of God's salvation plan.
- people are called by God today, and their lives are changed as they respond in a variety of ways e.g. ordination, ministry in the local church or missionary work abroad etc.

By the end of this unit pupils are expected to be able to:

- talk about in detail the Bible stories you have discussed.
- ask important questions about religion and beliefs.
- interpret the stories and identify Christian beliefs.
- use developing religious vocabulary to show that they understand the Christian beliefs.
- describe the impact of responding to God's call on a person's life.
- tell you what they think God would be asking prophets to speak out against today.

Christian concepts

GOD – Creation – Fall – **PEOPLE OF GOD** – Incarnation – Gospel – Salvation – Kingdom of God

Christian values

Faith Service
Courage

Key Vocabulary

Prophet	A person regarded as an inspired teacher or proclaimer of the will of God. An individual who is regarded as being in contact with God and is said to speak on behalf of God, serving as an intermediary by delivering messages or teachings from God
God	In Christianity and other monotheistic religions – the creator and ruler of the universe and source of all moral authority; the supreme being. In certain other religions – a superhuman being or spirit worshipped as having power over nature or human fortunes; a deity.
Old Testament	The first part of the Christian Bible, comprising thirty-nine books.
Ministry	The work or vocation (a strong feeling of suitability for) of a minister of religion.
Ordination.	The process by which individuals are consecrated – set apart and elevated from ordinary people to the clergy, who are thus then authorised to perform various religious rites and ceremonies.



Ordination

What job do these men do?
How do you know?
Why do they do these jobs?
Who chose them for this work?
John has just been ordained by the Bishop. What does that mean?
How does that make him different? Does that mean he has changed?
Who chose him to be ordained?



Nuns in Peru

In what way have they answered God's call?
How is their life different to what it could have been?
I wonder how God called these ladies?
I wonder what their names are?