

Unit 4.1 – David and the Psalms.

Overview of unit

- explore the Story of David and his strengths and qualities.
- to read the Psalms and use them to discover more about the nature of God
- to identify the values that the pupils consider to be particularly important.

Key Questions

- What values do you consider to be important?
- Who inspires you?
- What are the qualities of a good King?
- What is God like?



In Psalm 121 the psalmist writes that he looks up to the hills for strength and help from the Lord.

Key Vocabulary

Samuel	Samuel is respected by Jews, Christians, and Muslims as a wise prophet, judge, and leader of ancient Israel.
David	David was a shepherd, the 8th and youngest son of Jesse. As King David, he was the founder of a dynasty that would rule in Jerusalem for over 350 years.
Jonathan	Jonathan is the eldest son of King Saul; his courage and loyalty to his friend, the future King David, make him one of the most admired figures in the Bible.
Saul	Saul was the first king of Israel,
Goliath	Goliath is described as a Philistine giant defeated by the young David in single combat.
Inspiration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• someone or something that gives you ideas for doing something• a sudden good idea
Psalm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• sacred song or hymn, in particular any of those contained in the biblical Book of Psalms and used in Christian and Jewish worship.• a book of the Bible comprising a collection of religious verses, sung or recited in both Jewish and Christian worship.

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

By the end of this unit pupils will know that:

- David is a key figure in God's plan for his people.
- some Christians have had to endure great struggles and persevere in difficult circumstances to keep faith in God and follow his way.

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

- retell stories about David.
- recognise their own values and the values of others.
- connect Christian values and beliefs to events and teaching in the Bible.
- ask important and relevant questions.
- show that they understand how the imagery of the Psalms reveals Christian beliefs about the nature of God.

Christian concepts

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

Christian values

Friendship
Responsibility
Creativity