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| **ST MARY REDCLIFFE AND TEMPLE SCHOOL** | |
| **TEACHING GROUP: 10** | **SUBJECT: RE** |
| **MODULE:** Christianity: Beliefs and Teachings | **LESSON TITLE:** 11 Bible as authority, inspiration and revelation |
| **PRIOR ASSESSMENT/PRIOR LEARNING: Aspects of the nature of God as found in the Bible** | |
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| **RESOURCES: PPt, worksheets, post-its, Bibles**  **SKILLS: Evaluation and reasoning for different points of view**  **ALIVE THEMES: I value faith, I can review** | |
| **LESSON OBJECTIVES: by the end of this lesson:**  **All students must be able to: Explain why Christians see the Bible as having authority**  **Most students should: Explain how and why there are different interpretations of the Bible**  **Some students could: Evaluate how useful it is to have the Bible as the only source of authority.** | |
| **BEHAVIOUR STRATEGIES:** | |
| **KEY WORDS: inspiration, revelation, conservative, liberal, interpretation, authority, literal, metaphor** | |
| **STARTER: Post-it statements to the board “I view the Bible as……”**  **Collate and share a variety of views**  **Pose the driving question for the lesson, “Why does the Bible have authority for Christians?”** | |
| **MAIN ACTIVITY: Use power point presentation as the basis of note-taking and discussion on the basics**  **Do the “literal – yes / no” arguments on the board and record in books. Use slide 8 to consider specific examples of interpretation.**  **Group work exercise on more subtle differences in interpretation (G and T)**  **Discuss slide 9 on other sources of authority and list advantages and disadvantages of each one.** | |
| **PLENARY/SUMMARY: Set up extended homework below** | |
| **ASSESSMENT/EVALUATION/HOMEWORK:**  Worksheet / hand out of practice exam question (4-part) focussing on the Bible.  Note: This may need further time next lesson to complete | |

Practice Questions: Authority of the Bible Name:

1. State two Christian beliefs about the Bible. (2)

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1. Explain why Christians think the Bible has authority. (5)

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1. Explain how and why Christians interpret the Bible differently. (8)

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1. “The Bible is too out of date to give anyone guidance. We need to look to other sources of authority today”

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. (You must refer to religion and belief in your answer) (15 + 6spg)

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Total: /36 Grade:

Views for A3 group work on interpreting the Bible:

1. **Fundamentalist**

**“I think that the Bible is the direct word of God. It is completely without error because it is God’s word. Every word is God’s truth and is to be taken literally.”**

1. **Conservative**

**“I think that the Word of God came to the writers of the books of the Bible. The writers’ styles and personalities are included but it is the Word of God as it comes through the human mind.”**

1. **Liberal**

**“I think that the Bible writers were inspired by God but they are human, so there are bound to be mistakes and contradictions in the text. They were influenced by the ideas and culture of their own time. The Bible contains the word of God but it is not directly the Word itself.”**

1. **Psychological**

**“The Bible contains some deeper meaning than the words literally mean. It is vital that Christians apply their minds and intelligence to the text, recognising the context in which it was originally written. It can have great symbolic value and help Christians engage with what it means to be human.”**