



Exploring the lives of significant women^{RE} in the Old Testament

Year 5

Summer Term

Overview

During this unit, pupils will explore the lives of significant women in the Old Testament including Jochebed and Miriam (Moses' mother and sister) and the prophet Deborah. They will investigate the decisions these women had to take and in which values and beliefs their actions were rooted. They will consider how these stories fit into God's big story and how the stories can inspire and influence people in their own beliefs and worship.



Questions I wonder
about women in the
Old Testament:

Enquiry skills and concepts:

In this unit, the pupils will:

- **Investigate** - ask relevant questions; know how to use different types of sources as a way of gathering information; know what may constitute evidence for understanding religions
- **Empathise** - consider the thoughts, feelings, experiences, attitudes, beliefs and values of others; develop the power of imagination to identify feelings such as love, wonder, forgiveness and sorrow; see the world through the eyes of others
- **Reflect** - reflect on feelings, relationships, experience, ultimate questions, beliefs and practice; use stillness, mental and physical, to think with clarity and care about significant events, emotions and atmospheres.

Topic Vocabulary

Deborah: *a prophetess of the God of the Israelites, the fourth Judge of pre-monarchic Israel and the only female judge mentioned in the Bible*

decision: *a conclusion or resolution reached after consideration*

inspire: *fill someone with the urge or ability to do or feel something, especially to do something creative*

Jochebed/Miriam: *Moses' mother and sister*

Old Testament: *the first part of the Christian Bible, comprising thirty-nine books. Most of the books were written in Hebrew, some in Aramaic, between about 1200 and 100 BC*

significant: *sufficiently great or important to be worthy of attention*
prophet

Religious vocabulary

Bible: *the Christian Scriptures, consisting of the Old and New Testaments*

faith: *complete trust or confidence in someone or something*

worship: *the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for God*