**Lesson 1**

**Task 1:**

**Pupils are given the headings and Bible stories/accounts to sort out under each heading.**

**Possible Biblical stories to use:**

**Before Jesus:**

* The creation story
* Noah
* David and Goliath
* Daniel and the lion’s den

**Told when Jesus was alive:**

* The birth of Jesus
* Jesus calms the storm
* The Good Samaritan
* The healing of the paralysed man
* The entry into Jerusalem
* Jesus washes his disciples’ feet

**After Jesus had risen from the dead:**

* The road to Emmaus
* The story of Pentecost
* The road to Damascus
* Philip and the man from Ethiopia

**Task 2:**

**Books of the Bible:**

**Give the book on separate pieces of card to pupils and ask them to sort out which ones belong to the Old Testament and which ones to the New Testament.**

Genesis

Samuel

Ruth

Kings

Psalms

Isaiah

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

I Corinthians

Ephesians

James

Revelation

**Task 3:**

**Read the extracts. Link the genre to the extract.**

**Give the pupils the genres and the texts separately to sort accordingly.**

***To note: If the texts are too long, feel very free to shorten them.***

**Narrative:**

During this time a man from the tribe of Levi married a woman of his own tribe, and she bore him a son. When she saw what a fine baby he was, she hid him for three months. But when she could not hide him any longer, she took a basket made of reeds and covered it with tar to make it watertight. She put the baby in it and then placed it in the tall grass at the edge of the river. The baby's sister stood some distance away to see what would happen to him.

**Law:**

God spoke, and these were his words: “I am the LORD your God who brought you out of Egypt, where you were slaves.

“Worship no god but me.

 “Do not make for yourselves images of anything in heaven or on earth.”

“Do not use my name for evil purposes, for I, the LORD your God, will punish anyone who misuses my name.

“Observe the Sabbath and keep it holy.”

“Respect your father and your mother”

“Do not commit murder.”

 “Do not commit adultery.”

 “Do not steal.”

“Do not accuse anyone falsely.”

 “Do not desire another man's house; do not desire his wife, his slaves, his cattle, his donkeys, or anything else that he owns.”

**Poetry:**

As a deer longs for a stream of cool water,  
    so I long for you, O God.  
I thirst for you, the living God.  
    When can I go and worship in your presence?  
Day and night I cry,  
    and tears are my only food;  
all the time my enemies ask me,  
    “Where is your God?”

**Biography:**

**The Boy Jesus in the Temple**

Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. When Jesus was twelve years old, they went to the festival as usual. When the festival was over, they started back home, but the boy Jesus stayed in Jerusalem. His parents did not know this; they thought that he was with the group, so they travelled a whole day and then started looking for him among their relatives and friends. They did not find him, so they went back to Jerusalem looking for him. On the third day they found him in the Temple, sitting with the Jewish teachers, listening to them and asking questions. All who heard him were amazed at his intelligent answers. His parents were astonished when they saw him, and his mother said to him, “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been terribly worried trying to find you.”

He answered them, “Why did you have to look for me? Didn't you know that I had to be in my Father's house?” But they did not understand his answer.

So, Jesus went back with them to Nazareth, where he was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. Jesus grew both in body and in wisdom, gaining favour with God and people.

**A letter:**

And so, I write to all of you in Rome whom God loves and has called to be his own people:

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because the whole world is hearing about your faith. God is my witness that what I say is true— the God whom I serve with all my heart by preaching the Good News about his Son. God knows that I remember you every time I pray. I ask that God in his good will may at last make it possible for me to visit you now. For I want very much to see you, in order to share a spiritual blessing with you to make you strong. What I mean is that both you and I will be helped at the same time, you by my faith and I by yours.

**Prophecy:**

I turned around to see who was talking to me, and I saw seven gold lampstands, and among them there was what looked like a human being, wearing a robe that reached to his feet, and a gold band around his chest. His hair was white as wool, or as snow, and his eyes blazed like fire;his feet shone like brass that has been refined and polished, and his voice sounded like a roaring waterfall. He held seven stars in his right hand, and a sharp two-edged sword came out of his mouth. His face was as bright as the midday sun. When I saw him, I fell down at his feet like a dead man. He placed his right hand on me and said, “Don't be afraid! I am the first and the last. I am the living one! I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever.