

Assembly (6th Class)

Based on Term 1 Lesson 4 Fit for Life

Stories of heroes

The assembly is in two parts (Noah and Esther) - one or other story could be told rather than both. You could also use the stories of Jonah and Samson for further assemblies which reflect on the fact that these big dramatic stories started as oral tradition and were stories which have been told for thousands of years.

There are about 12 speaking parts and some acting roles but there is lots of flexibility in giving out parts.

You need: 1) To have taught the lesson Stories of Heroes Term 1 Lesson 4 Fit for Life

Songs: There are lots of songs about Noah. Other suitable songs are I the Lord of sea and sky and When I needed a neighbour.

Narrator 1	Last week in R.E. we heard a story that Jesus would have heard when he was a little boy
Narrator 2	Let's travel back in time to school in Nazareth
Narrator 1	This is the school and here are the pupils.
Narrator 2	All boys
Narrator 1	All girls learned how to run a home from their mothers.
Narrator 1	But I'm sure they were told lots of stories....
Narrator 2	And got no homework.
Teacher	Our story today is about a man called Noah (the story could be read from Follow Me p. 16 or a bible or it could be dramatized)
Teacher	Did you like that story?
Pupil 1	It made me happy that so many animals were saved
Pupil 2	It made me sad that so many people were not saved
Teacher	At the end of the story God made a promise. We can read about it in our Scriptures (scroll) Genesis 9:8-17
Pupil 3	So every time we see a rainbow
Pupil 4	We remember the story about God making promises never to flood the earth again.
Narrator 1	Not all stories are about men who were heroes.

Mother	We'll tell you a story, not about a simple man like Noah but about a queen. Her name was Esther.
Girl 1	Why is she a hero?
Mother	Her story is so important that every year all Jewish people have a special day to remember her. It's called Purim.
Storyteller 1	Once upon a time when Xerxes (Zerkzes= pronunciation) was the King he organised a kind of Miss World contest to find a wife.
Storyteller 2	Esther won and she became a queen.
Storyteller 3	But there was a problem. The king and all the royal household were not Jewish and Esther was. She kept that a secret. The other secret she kept was that one of the palace officials was her uncle.
Storyteller 1	One day the prime minister arrived. His name was Haman and he thought he was very important. Everyone had to bow to him.
Storyteller 2	Esther's uncle Mordecai refused.
Storyteller 3	Haman was furious and he decided not just to have Mordecai killed but all the Jews too. The day was to be the 7 th March
Storyteller 1	Mordecai was devastated.
Storyteller 2	Esther heard the news and she knew she had to be brave. She asked her husband the king to save her life and all the lives of the Jewish people.
Storyteller 3	The king agreed, just in time and sent out the message to save everyone. Everyone except the prime minister Haman who was punished.
Mother	So women were heroes in the Bible too.
Prayers	Pupils' own prayers Day by Day prayer