



London Diocesan Board for Schools

Books & Resources

March 2007 – Book Reviews – New Publications

Foundation & KS1

'Talk Peace' by Sam Williams

Price: £5.99

Published by Hodder

ISBN 0 3408 8380 4

- A picture book about peace.
- Great for reading out loud with bright lively pictures and lots of talking points.

KS1

'My Muslim Faith' by Khadijah Knight

Price: £9.99

Published by Evans Bros Ltd

ISBN 0 2375 3176 8

- A lively introduction to Islam with an authentic voice.
- Good photographs and large print. A very useful resource.

KS1 & KS2

'The Most Magnificent Mosque' by Ann Jungman & Shelley Fowles

Price: £5.99

Published by Frances Lincoln Books

ISBN 1 8450 7085 2

- Based on a true story.
- In the 8th Century the Arabs built a magnificent mosque in the conquered town of Cordoba in Spain. In 1236 the Christians re-conquered Cordoba and this is the story behind Christians, Jews and Moslems working together to save the Mosque. Cordobans still say: "I went to Mass at the Mosque".
- A great story with lots of possibilities for development.

'Psalm 23' by Tim Ladwig

Published by Eerdmans Books

ISBN 0 8028 5163 0

- Psalm 23 set to inner city images.
- Very powerful and sometimes threatening pictures.
- Hard, contemporary edginess – you'll never read the psalm again without some of these images coming into your head.
- The Psalm is told through pictures of a modern black family living with inner city dangers.

'Saying Goodbye to a Parent' by Child Bereavement Trust

Price: £5.99

Published by Chrysalis

ISBN 1 8445 8468 2

- Practical ideas for managing grief after the death of a parent.
- Provides reassurance and support for the child. The book encourages them to talk and ask questions and share how they are feeling.
- A book to use alongside a child.

'Saying Goodbye to a Brother and Sister' by Child Bereavement Trust

Price £5.99

Published by Chrysalis

ISBN 1 8445 8465 8

- Part of a series.
- Relates to some of the issues that surround losing a sibling.
- Lots of thoughtful and practical ideas.

KS2

'The Story of Jesus' by Andrea Skevington

Price: £9.99

Published by Lion

ISBN 0 7459 4982 6

- Well presented with soft water colour pictures.
- Presents the life of Jesus as told in the 4 gospels – beginning with John 1 v1-5 “*In the beginning was the word*”
- An interesting journey backwards and forwards across the gospels putting the story into a chronological order.
- Puts dates on the Gospels and puts them into context.

'St Francis of Assisi' by Joyce Denham

Price: £8.99

Published by Lion

ISBN 0 7459 4962 8

- A brand new book on St Francis with many of the stories of his life gathered together.
- It makes strong spiritual and moral points. I was particularly impressed by the encounter between Francis and the Sultan of Egypt and of how a Moslem and a Christian became friends and tried to stop the Crusades through talking rather than fighting.
- Well written lively text with good illustrations.

KS2 & KS3

'The Lion Encyclopaedia of Christianity' by David Self

Price: £14.99

Published by Lion

ISBN 0 7459 4949 9

- A fascinating book, clearly laid out and easy to use.
- A thematic approach to Christianity which is just published and so it is completely up to date.
- Measured language “some Christians” – not all Christians.
- Explores not just the history, the Bible, traditions and practice, but also considers some of the major questions posed today.
- Very useful!

Primary Teachers

'Exploring – The Journey of Life and Death' by Joyce Mackley

ISBN 1 9040 2493 4

Published by RE Today

1020 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6LB

- I don't normally recommend magazines but this one is particularly good.
- There is an interesting piece on the Easter Garden for the Foundation Stage.
- Looks at the journey of life and explores the teaching about death and dying.
- Full of practical, useful ideas with really challenging content.

All Teachers

'REthinking 14 - Teaching Worldviews in RE' by Susanna Hookway

ISBN 1 9022 3445 8

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- A look at three main world views - Theistic
 - Secular
 - Post-modern
- Interesting definitions.
- Unpacks a way of teaching RE and introducing thinking from the three perspectives.
- Introductory activity “Where do I stand?”
- Also covers topics and projects on Creation and visiting places of worship.
- A fascinating approach synthesized into an easy read booklet.

Correction: In the previous Book Reviews sent out in the January School Mailing we said that the book **'Schools for the Future – Designing School Grounds'** was published by the DfES. This is incorrect and it was published by TSO. The book can be bought from the following website: www.tso.co.uk

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.