



Digital Resources for RE

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Disclaimer: As these are all websites and online resources the content may change from time to time. Its provenance and suitability can not be guaranteed. Always view the resource in full before showing it to your class.

As all these links are only suggestions, any reviews or comments would be welcome so that this list can be kept up to date

1. Scottish Bible Society

<https://www.scottishbiblesociety.org/resources/schools> This has great resources for schools – videos, lessonplans and storytrail ideas for '10 Bible stories' All are free and well produced for younger and older primary pupils. The stories covered are Creation, Noah's Ark, Christmas, Easter, David and Goliath, the 10 Commandments, Daniel and the Lions, Prodigal Son, Feeding of the 5000, and the Good Samaritan. Well worth exploring.

2. Request website

www.request.org.uk This website aims to support RE teaching in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. KS1 and KS2 resources are directed at primary age children. Some resources may be more transferrable to the Irish context than others. Here are a few suggestions to look at.

1. Bible Quest <https://request.org.uk/resource/?view=resources&cat=3-229> Bible stories from Old and New Testament introduced by Sam and told using cartoons. A very good selection of stories.
2. Storytime parables of Jesus: Younger classes- relates the parable to life on a farm and the story is told by a woman using cartoons of the story

The Good Samaritan <https://request.org.uk/resource/restart/2015/06/30/story-time-the-good-samaritan/>

The Lost Coin and the Lost Sheep
<https://request.org.uk/resource/restart/2014/12/30/story-time-the-lost-coin-and-the-lost-sheep/>

The prodigal/ lost son <https://request.org.uk/resource/restart/2015/07/15/story-time-the-waiting-father/>

The sower <https://request.org.uk/resource/restart/2014/12/04/story-time-the-seed-sower/>

The wise and foolish builders <https://request.org.uk/resource/restart/2014/12/10/story-time-wise-foolish-builders/>

3. The Easter story in 4 ½ mins <https://request.org.uk/resource/restart/2014/04/16/jesus-2/>
Making an Easter Garden <https://request.org.uk/resource/restart/2017/02/23/make-an-easter-garden/> The presenter explains the whole story as she makes the garden.
4. Andi and Jack – again for infants.
Andi and Jack (puppet) visit a church <https://request.org.uk/resource/restart/2015/01/12/tour-of-a-church/>
Andi and Jack (puppet) explore God’s creation
<https://request.org.uk/resource/restart/2015/03/04/exploring-gods-creation/>
Andi and Jack talk about being a Christian
<https://request.org.uk/resource/restart/2015/12/02/meet-a-christian/>
Andi and Jack learn about the Bible <https://request.org.uk/resource/restart/2015/01/21/the-bible-3/>

3. Truetube website

TrueTube: www.truetube.co.uk

This is most useful for teaching about world religions. Very good insider stories and engaging for pupils. Some of the stories are bbc and not accessible in Ireland. There are lots of resources for all ages – here are a few I use.

1. Search for Charlie and Blue in the search bar for 7 videos introducing different world faiths. I think the Christianity one is the weakest. One interesting one is the video about beliefs about the soul – introducing no religious faith to the younger pupils (soul searching). Pitched at Infants-2nd class (Blue is a puppet)
2. Search for Alien Abduction in the search bar and these are directed at 5th/6th class. The character has to answer questions about their faith. Great for projects.
3. Search for Holy Cribs and there are 9 insider videos for places of worship. These have just been updated. Again for the older pupil and there are downloadable resources.

4. Museum of the Bible (Washington)

<https://www.youtube.com/c/museumofthebible>

Occasionally I come across a gem in a website. This is a youtube channel and if you click on playlists you will find Storytime. https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvA8nKIkZy5-M13FLKvu_gMcEA7Hludw

This set of Bible stories are told by storytellers and are very clever. (Some are better than others!!).

Episode 27 – The Good Samaritan really draws us into the story. Very authentic telling.

On the same website you will find a few other useful videos:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dezn1-1W0lo&list=PLvA8nKIkZy5_oSBxSRzpCCXIzavIp0r7N&index=23 This is in the 2020 Book Minutes and explains about bread in the Bible

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qwj2gj3ovpk&list=PLvA8nKIkZy5_oSBxSRzpCCXIzavIp0r7N&index=25 This tells about what people did for fun in Bible times.

5. New Zealand Bible Stories Website

www.lambsongs.co.nz

This is a New Zealand RE resource site. It is quite hard to navigate but worth while if you are looking for Big book or printable versions of almost every possible Bible story in cartoon version to be read to Infants – 2nd class. Each story is available in many different formats: narrated, flip book, video telling, printable booklet, big book, all on one page etc.

6. The Chester Beatty Library (Dublin)

Chester Beatty Library <https://chesterbeatty.ie/> Show pupils images of early scrolls or codexes. Look at icons or art from other religions. Download the Chester Beatty app from app stores on apple or android and pupils can explore the art on ipads. Great for enquiry based learning on bible history/ documents and religious art and collection from world religions.

7. Online virtual tours of places of worship

360 Virtual Tours <https://www.p4panorama.com/Gallery.aspx/?gallery=religious> I was introduced to this at a conference and can see great potential for independent research into places of worship from around the world. Brings the culture and religion into view. There's more than religious sites and buildings on the website.

8. Welsh World Religions resources

<http://www.st-marys-centre.org.uk/resources.html>

The Exploring our world and Exploring why books are on line and really suitable for younger children – they explore different faiths from the perspective of children – celebrations, food etc. and would tie in well to Aistear themes. I like the Randolph books – again online as they are for slightly older children and could so easily be related to Ireland and special places we have. They have a separate website: <https://randalphthewise.com/>. The other useful resource on this site is

the World Faith's series with teacher's manuals and pupils' resources for each of the main world faiths.

9. Bible Story Videos (US produced). Check the endings as you watch them as some are more suitable to church children's events than others.

- A. **The Beginner's Bible (well told stories)**
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiM9mWNxTWpKY-V9Eb9TfkA>
- B. **Saddleback kids** <https://www.youtube.com/c/saddlebackkids>
- C. **Care Bear's Bible stories for kids**
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCui_Og8tlGiR3JJJeUjWelsg
- D. **Friends and Heroes** <https://www.friendsandheroes.tv/>

10. Other Resources for World Religions

Many are included in the above categories but you will also find books online such as:

The proudest blue (A story of Hijab and family) read by the author
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cfmc_llybcU

The kindest red (A story of Hijab and friendship) read by the author
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R4AUYwgVOSE>

Malala's Magic Pencil (older children) The video is a reading of the story and there is a Puffin activity pack which has a number of inspiring activities focussed on inspirational people and thinking how children might change the world today with a magic pencil
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVgtgDDXWVg>

<https://www.puffinschools.co.uk/resources/ks2-resource-pack-malala-change-the-world-with-a-magic-pencil/>

You may have some books on people who changed the world in your library. One you might add is Amazing Muslims who changed the world. This has an accompanying Puffin resource pack <https://www.puffinschools.co.uk/resources/ks2-resource-pack-amazing-muslims-who-changed-the-world/>

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