

Theme: Lots to learn

'Zog' by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Axel Scheffler, is a book about a dragon called Zog, Zog has lots to learn at school and doesn't always get it right.

Biblical Reference:

Luke 24:45

'...Then Jesus opened the minds of the disciples so they could understand the scriptures.'

Next month's book is:

'The Sneetches' by Dr Seuss

Inspiration ...

If you do not have this book, you could borrow it from the library or watch a re-telling of the story on YouTube.

 <https://youtu.be/qZqFqI0MAfU>

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Theme exploration:

In the Bible we read about Jesus choosing his first disciples (Matthew 4:18-23). They willingly gave up their jobs and followed Jesus - but they had so much to learn.

Zog reminds us of the disciple Peter. A disciple is someone who wants to learn and for Christians the teacher is Jesus. Peter was the disciple who wanted to walk on water but first had to learn to trust Jesus (Matthew 14:22-23). The disciples also had to learn that whoever wants to be first will be last, this means putting other people before ourselves. In Jesus time children were seen as not important. The disciples had to learn that children were just as important to Jesus as adults (Matthew 19:13-14). In fact Jesus taught the disciples so many things he used lots of parables (stories) and those stories are helpful as we try to learn today.

We can learn what Jesus would want us to do today by reading the Bible.

Things for you to try this month:

- Look at the words used in the story, are there any you don't understand? Look up in a dictionary what it means.
- What do you think the little girl learnt in the story?
- Read or watch a parable in the Bible  <https://youtu.be/Tb7bvF5Ucrk> what do you think Jesus is trying to teach us?
- Two characters become doctors in the story. Can you learn some names of bones or body parts?
- Find out about the flying doctors charity.



We believe in the power of prayer

A prayer to pray for your family

Lord God. Thank you for the opportunity to learn new skills. Help our child/ren to learn more about you. Amen

A prayer we pray for you as parents:

We thank You for the gift of knowledge. We thank You for our brains that think and question what goes on in the world around us. Help our child/ren to learn and to flourish. Amen.