Speaking and Listening – Discussion

40 Famous People from the Bible - Discussion Words

Language Questions

- 1. Put the names into... a) alphabetical order, b) reverse alphabetical order.
- 2. a) Put the names into groups according to how many syllables each one has.
 - b) Mark the strong stressed syllable on each card.
 - c) Write the stressed vowel sound on the card with Clear Alphabet.
 - d) Put the names into sound groups according to their strong stressed vowel sounds.

Ask questions, e.g. 'Whose name has three syllables?' 'Whose name is stressed on...'

3. Which names have a schwa sound on the: a) 1st syllable, b) 2nd syllable, c) 3rd syllable, d) 4th syllable? Which name(s) do not contain a schwa sound?

Comprehension Questions

- 1. Take a card. Describe the person without saying their name. Your partner has to guess.
- 2. Which person... a) wrestled with God, b) ate forbidden fruit, c) waited her whole life to meet Jesus, d) composed poetry and ruled Israel, e) had a brother called James, f) was the mother of two nations, g) predicted the restoration of Israel, h) was too busy to listen to Jesus?
- 3. Take a card. Retell the story of the person: a) through mime, b) through sounds and gestures, c) through pictures, d) through song, d) through words, e) through video.
- 4. Put the people into groups: a) male and female, b) heroes and villains, c) leaders and followers, d) Old Testament and New Testament.
- 5. Order the people by how familiar you are with their stories: from most familiar to not previously known.
- 6. Which person is also known as: a) Simon, b) Saul, c) Immanuel, d) Abram, e) Tabitha, f) Israel, g) Governor of Judaea, h) Queen of Persia?
- 7. Pick a card and... a) say an adjective you associate with that person, b) describe the person in exactly five words, c) give a clue in one word. Your partner has to guess.
- 8. Find a person connected with each place: a) Jericho, b) Bethlehem, c) Ninevah, d) Eden, e) Egypt, f) Babylon.
- 9. Find a person connected with... a) wisdom, b) height, c) miracles and prophecy, d) crying, e) a dove carrying an olive branch, f) a burning bush, g) the cross.
- 10. Who is... a) the first Christian martyr, b) a first wife, c) a second wife, d) 127 years old, e) 'well advanced in years', f) the only female judge, g) having a bath, h) Moses' sister?
- 11. Find the person who... a) dedicated her miracle baby to God, b) laid her baby in a manger, c) ordered a haircut for her lover, d) demanded the head of a prisoner, e) discovered the empty tomb, f) was faithful to her mother-in-law Naomi.
- 12. How many people can you remember in one minute when all the cards are turned over?