

Adventurers Explorers

Explorers Summer Teaching – Do Great Things for God

- Retell the story of their life using the extract below, or from your own research. You could act their story out or answer the following questions:
 1. Where did they grow up?
 2. What did life look like for them?
 3. How did they come to know Jesus?
 4. What did God put on their heart to do?
 5. Explain the bible verse and why it would have been an encouragement to them.

Explain the bible verse.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Person</u>	<u>Bible verse</u>	<u>Big Idea</u>	<u>Game Idea</u>	<u>Craft (For Adventurers)</u>	<u>Group time questions</u>
<u>27/07/25</u>	<u>Brother Andrew</u>	Psalm 27.1 The Lord is my light and salvation – who shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid.	Jesus will look after His friends and even when there is trouble or danger, His friends will be eternally safe.	Team discuss ideas or short relay race getting the bibles from one side of the room to the other.	Brother Andrew van colouring	What struck you about Brother Andrew's story? Why do some people treat Christians unfairly? Can you think of a time in the bible where someone was treated harshly for following God? How should we respond if people treat us unfairly for following God? Pray for people groups who don't yet have access to the bible.
<u>3/08/25</u>	<u>Mary Jones</u>	Psalm 19.10 God's words ' <i>are more precious than gold, than much pure gold: they are sweeter than honey from the honeycomb.</i> ' Psalm 19.10	The bible is the best book ever	Team discuss ideas or hide coins/gold paper circles around the room to see who can collect the most – the bible is more precious than all of this!	Design a rosette colouring	What struck you about Mary Jones' story? Why was the bible so precious to her? What do you think makes the bible so special and different from other books? Have a look at Hebrews 4.12, what does this say about the bible? Think: do you love and value the bible like Mary Jones? If not, why not?
<u>10/08/25</u>	<u>C S Lewis</u>	Psalm 14.1 ' <i>The fool says in his heart "There is no God"</i> '	God can use us to be creative for God and tell others about Him	Team discuss ideas or sit in small circles and play the game where you make up a story, each person saying 1 word.	C S Lewis Colouring	What struck you about C S Lewis' story? Why do we naturally not seek God as Psalm 14 says? How do we know that Jesus is real and wants to be our friend? What can stop us telling others about Jesus? Pray we would seek God with all our hearts and tell others about him
<u>17/08/25</u>	<u>Corrie Ten Boom</u>	Psalm 32: 7 " <i>You are my hiding-place: you will protect me from trouble and surround me with song of deliverance.</i> "	Jesus will always be with us, wanting us to love and not hate others.	Team discuss ideas or one person has a frisbee as a shield and has to fend off ball pit balls being thrown at them!	Design a shield colouring	What struck you about Corrie Ten Boom's story? What does God promise to those who follow him? (Psalm 32 especially v 7, 8, 10)

						<p>Corrie forgave the people who hurt her. Why is forgiveness hard sometimes? What do you think God taught Corrie through all her suffering?</p>
<p>24/08/25</p>	<p>Eric Liddell</p>	<p>Psalm 119: 32 <i>I run in the path of your commands.</i></p>	<p>The greatest gift is to be Jesus' friend and be able to tell others about Him</p>	<p>Team discuss ideas or red light, orange light, green light where you call out a light colour and the children stop (red), go slow (orange), go fast (green). You could have them stick to an indicated route around the Way to link to the bible verse.</p>	<p>Eric Liddell colouring sheet</p>	<p>What struck you about Eric Liddell's story? Why does God want us to obey him? What are some things God asks us to do? Is it always easy to obey God? Why or why not? What do we do when we know we have disobeyed God?</p>

Brother Andrew

(1928-)

What do you like most about going to church? Bible stories? Singing? Meeting friends?

Did you know there are some countries in the world where Jesus' friends aren't allowed to meet together, or read the Bible, or tell other people about Jesus? When Brother Andrew found out how hard it was for people in those places to be Jesus' friends he wanted to help. Jesus' friends needed Bibles to read - but how could he get Bibles into those countries? He knew it would be difficult and he knew it would be dangerous - but he knew that his friend Jesus would look after him.

Time after time Andrew took cars stuffed with Bibles into countries where Bibles were not allowed. There were soldiers and spies and secret police; it was difficult; it was dangerous. Time after time Andrew's friend Jesus looked after him - and the Bibles! Time after time soldiers and spies and secret police didn't notice all the Bibles stuffed into the cars. Time after time carloads of Bibles reached Jesus' friends.

In some of those countries it is now safe to be Jesus' friends - but there are still lots where it is not safe at all. It is still difficult and dangerous to help Jesus' friends in those countries, but Brother Andrew and his friends are still helping - and their friend Jesus is still looking after them!



Mary Jones

(1784-1864)

Have you got a favourite book? Why is it so special? Is it the pictures, or the story, or because someone special gave it to you?

Mary Jones had a favourite book. Her favourite book was the Bible. She knew the Bible could teach her all about God. But Mary couldn't read it herself. There was no school in her village to teach her. So Mary prayed ... and prayed ... and prayed. A school was built. Mary learnt to read. But Mary didn't have a Bible. Her family was too poor to buy one. So Mary worked ... and worked ... and worked ... to get money to buy her own Bible. But there was nowhere in her village to buy a Bible. So Mary had to go to a town where she could buy one. In those days there were no cars or trains or bikes, and she was too poor to have a horse. Mary had to walk ... and walk ... and walk. She walked all the way over the mountains to find the man who could sell her a Bible. Her feet hurt, she was very tired, she had no money left, but at last she had her very own Bible to read. She was so happy!

Mary really knew that the Bible is the best book ever!



C. S. Lewis

(1898-1963)

Do you ever make up stories? What are they about? Princes and princesses? Knights and dragons? Robots and dinosaurs?

Clive Staples Lewis always made up stories - even when he was a little boy. He even made up a new name for himself - Jack! Some stories were about talking animals; some were about heroes; some were about magic and mystery. As he grew up he thought that Jesus was just another story. He didn't know that Jesus was real and that he could be his friend.

Jack was very clever. When he was a grown-up he was a teacher in a university (where people go to learn more after they are too old for school). The other teachers were clever too - and some were Jesus' friends. Jack wondered whether maybe Jesus was real after all ... Soon Jack became Jesus' friend too.

Now Jack wanted everyone to know that Jesus was real. He wrote books; he gave talks; he spoke on the radio. People read his books, listened to his talks and heard him on the radio - and became Jesus' friends. Jack wanted boys and girls to be Jesus' friends too, so he made up stories - stories with talking animals, heroes, magic and mystery in a place called Narnia - but the stories were really all about Jesus. Maybe one day you could read Jack's stories about Narnia for yourself!



Corrie ten Boom (1892-1983)



Do you like hiding? Do you have a favourite hiding place? Behind the sofa? Under the bed? In the wardrobe?

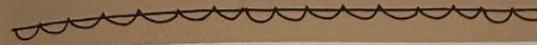
Corrie ten Boom had a very special hiding place - a tiny little space in her bedroom. It was hidden and secret. Corrie's hiding place wasn't for playing games - it was for keeping people safe. Corrie's family lived in Holland. Bad people took over the country and did bad things. They wanted to kill all Jewish people (who come from the family of Abraham in the Old Testament). Corrie's family were Jesus' friends and knew Jesus thought this was very wrong. They looked after as many Jewish people as they could. They fed them, they hid them and they helped them escape.

One day soldiers came. They sent the whole family to prison for helping the Jews - but the Jewish people were safe in Corrie's special hiding place. Corrie and her sister Betsie weren't safe. In prison they were cold; they were hungry; they were ill; they were treated very badly. Betsie told Corrie that their friend Jesus was with them - even when they were cold, hungry, ill and badly treated. Betsie told Corrie that Jesus wanted her to love, not hate.

Betsie died in prison. But when Corrie was set free she spent her whole life telling her story; telling how Jesus was with her when she was cold, ill and hungry; telling how we should always love and not hate - just like her friend Jesus.



Eric Liddell (1902-1945)



Are you a fast runner? God makes some people who can run fast and some people who can't. Sometimes, like on sports day at school, it can seem that running fast is the most important thing in the world. It isn't really - it is much more important to be Jesus' friend and live for him.

Eric Liddell was a very, very fast runner. He was the fastest runner in the world and won a gold medal at the Olympic Games. He loved running, but he loved his friend Jesus even more! Because Eric was a good runner people wanted to listen to what he said. Eric told them about Jesus.

Eric was a famous man, but he went to China - a country a long way away - where nobody had even heard of him. He wanted to tell the people there about Jesus too. It was a very dangerous place to be. There was fighting and Eric was put in prison. It was horrid, but Eric now had more people to tell about Jesus. Eric was cold and hungry and soon he became very ill, but he always knew that Jesus was looking after him.

When Eric died people said how great he was because he could run fast. Eric knew that it was much greater to be Jesus' friend and tell people all about him.



