

Open the Book Collective Worship for November through to December 2023

9th November: A Burning Bush... In this story we hear what happened to Moses once he grew up. When God asked Moses to do something he came up with all sorts of excuses as to why he shouldn't do it.

Dear God, be with us when we asked to do something that seems be too difficult for us to do, help us to look to you for the courage and strength we need to get the job done. Amen.

16th November: Plagued! In this story we hear about how stubborn the Pharaoh could be. He was not willing to listen even when some horrible things were happening to the people in his kingdom.

Dear God, help me to listen and choose to do what I know is right, even if I don't want to. Amen.

23rd November: Samuel... Today's story is about a young boy, called Samuel, who God chose to pass on messages to his people.

Thank you, God, for reminding us that You speak to children as well as adults. Help us when we make promises to keep them just as Samuel and his mother did in today's story. Amen.

30th November: David & Goliath... Our story today is about a very big problem - a giant called Goliath and about a young boy who trusted God to give him the courage he needed to do something about that big problem!

Dear God, when my problems seem very big, please remind me that you are there to help me. Help me not to be afraid to ask for help when I need it. Amen.

7th December: The Annunciation...In which an Angel announces to a young woman that she had been chosen to be the mother of God's own son, how amazing is that?

Dear God when things in our lives happen that really don't make sense. Help us to trust that you are in control and to remember the message of this story...

'Do not be afraid.' **Amen.**

14th December: Shepherds and Angels... There are a lot of unexpected things happening in our story today, also lots of exciting things and the most exciting of these was the birth of God's own Son.

Dear God, help us to remember that whatever happens in our lives you are always with us. **Amen**