

14th 10.20am Ashperton Primary School, Assembly, 3 of 3
3.30pm Bodenham Primary School, Spotlight Club

17th 10.30am Wray Chapel, Checkpoint Update

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Before looking at the story, I wanted to bring the concept of trust alive in a visual and interactive way. To do this I demonstrated how powerful a rat trap is by using it to slice up a carrot! Resetting the trap, I invited one of the children to come and press the trigger promising that they wouldn't get hurt. Would anyone trust me! Thankfully, there was always at least one child willing take part and show that they did trust that they would not get hurt. The children learnt that, even though Elisha was surrounded by a huge army, he still trusted God to keep him safe. For Christians today, it is often easy to say we trust God, but it is our actions that prove that we really do.

I really enjoyed sharing the story of Elisha in but please pray that the children will understand that there is a trustworthy God who loves them as well as having fun and enjoying the illustrations.

Thank you for your continued support,

Joe 

Praying for CheckPoint

Just a reminder that there are several ways you can get daily prayer updates, you can follow us on Twitter, Prayermate and Facebook. Please do share these with anyone you think would be interested in praying for the work.

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An ox yoke, a pretend brick, and a rat trap!

Thank you very much for your prayers for the work of CheckPoint. To know people are praying day by day is such an encouragement. Of course, very few CheckPoint prayer supporters ever get to see an assembly 'in action' so I thought it might be helpful to try to bring what happens in an assembly to life. You'll need your imagination!

This last half-term, assemblies have been based on the life of Elisha with various items used to demonstrate what a remarkable man of faith he was.

The ox yoke:

It's always good to involve the children. When we first encounter Elisha he is busy ploughing his fields with the help of his oxen so, I made a yoke and asked two children to pretend to be oxen! I described how, when God called Elisha to be a prophet, his immediate response was to say 'yes'. To demonstrate he really meant it, he burnt his yoke and plough. I explained to the children he did this because he was totally committed to following God and wanted to put him first in his life.

The pretend brick:

Presenting the children with something unexpected helps to keep young minds engaged. As part of the next assembly, I brought in a tub and filled it with water. Various items were dropped into the water and the children were asked if they would float or sink. It was great to see their reaction when I used a pretend brick which, much to the children's surprise, floated. I used this 'object lesson' to explain how, during his life, Elisha performed many miracles, including getting an axe head to float. Elisha performed miracles, not to make himself look good, but to show God's love to those people around him.

The rat trap:

In the final assembly, we looked at the occasion when the army of Aram attempt to capture Elisha.

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7th 9.00am St Paul's Primary Hereford, Assembly, 1 of 2
1.00pm Stoke Prior Primary School, Assembly, 1 of 3
3.20pm Pembridge Primary School, Spotlight Club

8th 9.00am Dilwyn Primary School, Assembly, 1 of 3
10.00am Kington Primary School, Assembly, 1 of 3
3.15pm Shobdon Primary School, Spotlight Club

9th 10.30am Burley Gate Primary School, Assembly, 1 of 3
3.30pm Bodenham Primary School, Spotlight Club

10th 1.30pm Bodenham Primary School, Assembly, 1 of 3

13th 9.30am Pembridge Primary School, Assembly, 1 of 2
2.45pm Kingsland Primary School, Assembly, 2 of 5
3.15pm Kingsland Primary School, Spotlight Club

14th 8.30am Bedstone Prep College, Assembly, 1 of 2
10.15am Luston Primary School, Assembly, 1 of 2
11.15am Bishop Hooper Primary School, Assembly, 1 of 2
1.00pm St James Primary Hereford, Assembly, 1 of 2
3.20pm Pembridge Primary School, Spotlight Club

15th 10.30am Kimbolton Primary School, Assembly, 1 of 2
1.30pm Shobdon Primary School, Assembly, 1 of 2
3.15pm Shobdon Primary School, Spotlight Club

16th 10.20am Ashperton Primary School, Assembly, 1 of 3
2.30pm Wellington Primary School, Assembly, 1 of 2
3.30pm Bodenham Primary School, Spotlight Club

19th 10.15am Franksbridge Baptist Chapel, Family Service

20th 2.45pm Kingsland Primary School, Assembly, 3 of 5
3.15pm Kingsland Primary School, Spotlight Club

21st 9.00am St Paul's Primary Hereford, Assembly, 2 of 2
1.00pm Stoke Prior Primary School, Assembly, 2 of 3
3.20pm Pembridge Primary School, Spotlight Club

22nd 9.00am Dilwyn Primary School, Assembly, 2 of 3
10.00am Kington Primary School, Assembly, 2 of 3
3.15pm Shobdon Primary School, Spotlight Club

23rd 10.30am Burley Gate Primary School, Assembly, 2 of 3
3.30pm Bodenham Primary School, Spotlight Club

24th 1.30pm Bodenham Primary School, Assembly, 2 of 3

27th 9.30am Pembridge Primary School, Assembly, 2 of 2
2.45pm Kingsland Primary School, Assembly, 4 of 5
3.15pm Kingsland Primary School, Spotlight Club

28th 8.30am Bedstone Prep College, Assembly, 2 of 2
10.15am Luston Primary School, Assembly, 2 of 2
11.15am Bishop Hooper Primary School, Assembly, 2 of 2
1.00pm St James Primary Hereford, Assembly, 2 of 2
3.20pm Pembridge Primary School, Spotlight Club

29th 10.30am Kimbolton Primary School, Assembly, 2 of 2
1.30pm Shobdon Primary School, Assembly, 2 of 2
3.15pm Shobdon Primary School, Spotlight Club

30th 10.20am Ashperton Primary School, Assembly, 2 of 3
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July

4th 2.45pm Kingsland Primary School, Assembly, 5 of 5
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5th 1.00pm Stoke Prior Primary School, Assembly, 3 of 3
3.20pm Pembridge Primary School, Spotlight Club

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10.00am Kington Primary School, Assembly, 3 of 3
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7th 10.30am Burley Gate Primary School, Assembly, 3 of 3
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8th 1.30pm Bodenham Primary School, Assembly, 3 of 3

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13th 3.15pm Shobdon Primary School, Spotlight Club