



'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. In this story we see a cunning little mouse, who uses quick thinking to get him out of tricky situations. He was able to outsmart all the other animals in the wood and convince even the scariest of creatures that he is in fact scarier than them.

Biblical Reference:

Mark 9:23

'Everything is possible for the one who believes.'

Next month's book is:

'How Big is a Pig' by Clare Beaton

Theme: Have faith

Theme exploration:

In the Bible we see Jesus who on the surface looks like an ordinary, normal man. He isn't big and strong. He isn't rich or a bully but even monsters are scared of Him. Waves and storms obey His command.

The Bible says that Jesus has equipped Christians to take on even the trickiest parts of life.

"I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy, nothing will harm you" **Luke 10:19**

Things for you to try this month:

- Read the stories in Luke 8: 22-25, John 11: 38-43 & Mark 5: 1-18. Talk about what amazes you in those stories and what makes Jesus so special.
- List all the things that make you scared and ask Jesus to help you to be brave in the face of them.
- Draw around your footprint and use it to make your own Gruffalo your toes could be the feet.
- Write or draw what characteristics your Gruffalo would have that would make him the scariest of all creatures.

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/LshGQmaJc9I>

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A prayer for you to pray for your family:

Loving God, help our child/ren to know that with Your help they can do anything, help them to not let cynicism, doubt or fear hold them back from You. Amen.

A prayer we commit to pray for you as parents:

Jesus, we ask that Your presence will be with this family. Help them to know that in the face of everything Your power, love and authority goes with them. Amen.