



MAF is a dynamic Christian aviation charity that flies over deserts, jungles and mountains, bringing help, hope and healing to the most isolated communities on earth.

With a fleet of 135 light aircraft, we partner with over 1,500 other organisations such as Oxfam, Tearfund, the BBC, Save the Children and WaterAid, flying them to remote areas of the world, where access would either be impossible or would take days of arduous overland travel. MAF uses planes to transform the lives of the world's most isolated people.

Scheme of work introduction

This resource, written specially for Religious Education teachers, features a selection of lesson plans and resources based around the story of the inspirational Christian martyr Nate Saint, an MAF pilot in the 1950s. It has been designed to meet the requirements of the Religious Education curricula for England and Wales.

This scheme of work is based on Nate Saint's exciting story. He flew as an MAF pilot in the 1950s, but was brutally martyred – along with four other missionaries – as they attempted to reach out to one of the world's deadliest tribes in the Ecuadorian rainforest at risk of extinction.

This inspirational story, brought to life through the lesson plans, is designed to explore, question and unpack the following themes:

- Christian commitment to serving, worshipping and self-sacrifice
- The incredible power of love, forgiveness and repentance
- Inspirational Christians
- Justice and fairness
- Life after death
- Martyrdom
- Moral and ethical choices
- Christian response to global issues worldwide.



Nate had a vision to reach out to one of the most dangerous Stone Age tribes ever recorded by anthropologists, in the depths of the Ecuadorian rainforest before their deadly intertribal killings put them at risk of extinction. No outsider had ever made successful contact with the Waodani tribe before, and their territory was avoided through fear of death.



Nate Saint and four other missionaries attempted Operation Auca in January 1956. After weeks of flying bucket drop gifts over Waodani territory, they landed near their settlement and waited to make contact. Their first contact was successful, but due to a later misunderstanding all five missionaries were viciously speared to death.

Although the widows of the five martyred missionaries were distraught at the loss of their husbands, they still trusted that God had not abandoned them, and that God had a greater plan. A true story of faith, courage and the amazing power of forgiveness and mercy eventually emerged from the darkness of the missionaries' deaths.

Two years after the brutal killings, the tribe invited one of the wives to come and live among the Waodani, and later accepted Nate's children as part of their family. This incredible story of unconditional forgiveness continues even now through MAF's work of bringing help, hope, healing and aid to some of the world's most isolated communities.

Aim of resources

- To enable students to appreciate, consider and appraise the significance and impact of Christians serving globally.
- To create an interactive experience in the classroom based on inspirational Christian martyr Nate Saint, whose death resulted in a story of forgiveness, peace and reconciliation that astounded media outlets throughout the world.
- To enable students to describe, explain and analyse the beliefs and practices Christianity and animism, recognising and celebrating the diversity that exists within and between communities and individuals.
- To guide students in identifying, investigating and responding to the challenging questions posed, and responses offered, by the sources of wisdom found in Christianity and the Bible's teaching.

Curricular links

This scheme of work covers all the Curriculum Framework for Religious Education in England and Wales.

Key stage 2

A1. Describe and make connections between different features of the religions and worldviews studied.

A2. Describe and understand links between stories and other aspects of the communities students are investigating.

A3. Explore and describe a range of beliefs, symbols and actions so students can understand different ways of life and ways of expressing meaning.

B1. Observe and understand varied examples of religions and worldviews so students can explain their meanings and significance to individuals and communities.

B2. Understand the challenges of commitment to a community or belief.

B3. Observe and consider different dimensions of religion – exploring similarities and differences between religions and worldviews.

C1. Discuss and present thoughtfully their own and others' views on challenging questions about belonging, meaning, purpose and truth.

C2. Consider and apply ideas about ways in which diverse communities can live together for the well-being of all.

C3. Discuss and apply their own and others' ideas about ethical questions, including ideas about what is right and wrong, just and fair.

Structure

This scheme of work can take up to seven lessons, including one stand-alone lesson based on MAF's work.



Key Stage 2

Lesson 1 – Christian serving

Lesson 2 – Cultural differences and difficulties

Lesson 3 – Challenges of the mission field

Lesson 4 – Justice and fairness

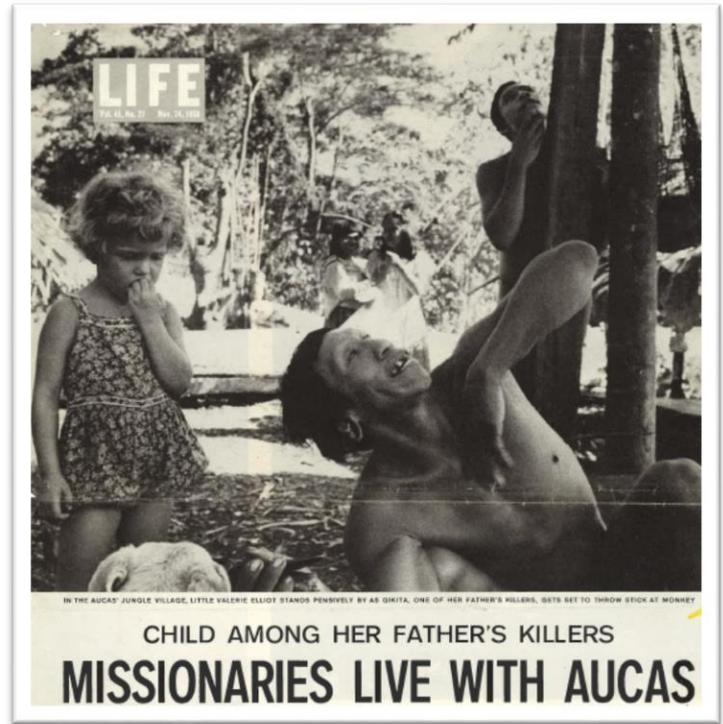
Lesson 5 – Bible teaching on fairness

Lesson 6 – Power of forgiveness

Lesson 7 – Diverse communities

All lessons plans include the following resources:

- PowerPoint slideshows with teachers' notes
- Video clips embedded
- Handout sheet activities – printer friendly.



Additional teachers' notes:

- The tribe were previously called the Auca, derived from the word 'savages'. Since accepting contact with the outside world, they now go by the following names: the Waodani, Waorani or Huaorani. The resources produced by MAF refer to them as the Waodani tribe.
- MAF still assists the tribe and other isolated communities across Ecuador – and beyond.
- Nate Saint's son, Steve, founded a charity called I-TECH which teaches and trains indigenous Christ-followers to identify and treat medical problems, perform dentistry, mechanics and flight training. I-Tech partners with MAF and uses MAF aircraft to reach remote indigenous tribes.
- For more video clips of MAF in action, please visit www.maf-uk.org