

## Faithful Whittling

Moses is a hero of faith and his shepherd staff became an important symbol in showing faithfulness between Moses and God. So let's have a go making our own one by whittling!!

Whittling, or wood carving is fun and creative!

Carve as uniquely as you like – keep all the bark on or all the bark off.

### Challenge

As you are carving, have a **think of all the reasons why you can trust God.**

See if you can challenge yourself with coming up with a reason for each piece of bark you whittle off!

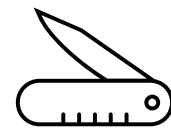
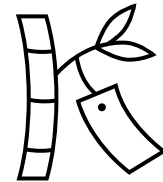


### Decorate

Once you are happy with your carving you can decorate your new faith staff!! The light younger bark will be easier to draw on with felt tips!

### TOP TIPS for Whittling

- **Please do this with an adult!!**
- Practice on vegetables or a dry bar of soap.
- Use young, fresh wood that's not dried out.
- Don't pick twigs and branches off the tree – you will find plenty that have fallen on the ground!
- Choose a smooth piece of wood without too many knots
- **Vegetable peeler** is a good tool to start with!
- Use a push stroke. This means cutting away from your body, or the hand holding the piece of wood.
- Make sure you are sitting down and ideally with a solid surface – Never hold the wood in your lap! Hold it pass your knees or to the side if not with a solid surface.
- Don't walk around holding the peeler/knife
- Have a first aid handy just in case.



Once you have made a small stick staff, you could make a larger one to use on walks!!

