BIBLE SOCIETY

FREE to GO

The Bible – God's love liberating lives

Going further

Once Bible Sunday is over, here are six ways to help you and your church experience, share and celebrate the Bible's message of freedom over the coming year.

Take Your Bible to Work Day
Mon 25 October 2010

This year Bible Society is inviting you to take the Bible beyond Sunday, into Monday and to the place where you work.

We aren't saying you should do this to look good or religious, but to show people that the Bible isn't just for Sunday; it's for the whole of life and for everyone, everywhere. Maybe having your Bible at work – whether in print or on your MP3 player – will start people talking and asking questions, just as they did when Jesus proclaimed his mission to set people free.

At Bible Society we think the Bible should be as much a part of the work place as your mug of coffee and if people are asking questions then maybe over a cuppa you can tell them more about the book that sets you free.

And wouldn't it be great if you didn't bring your Bible home because you'd given it away to someone who had never read it before?

Of course, you'll want to bear in mind your conditions of employment when deciding whether to take your Bible to work and please be considerate towards others who may not share your views.

The 2011 Trust

For four centuries, the Authorised (King James) Version of the Bible has shaped Christian faith in English-speaking countries and has made a huge impact on our language, literature and culture. Bible Society set up the 2011 Trust to celebrate this – and the influence of other English Bible translations – as we mark the 400th Anniversary of the Authorised Version next year.

The goal of the Trust is to stimulate events and media interest in the Bible. Many events are being arranged in cathedrals, museums, libraries, schools and elsewhere. Ranging from expert lectures to art shows and musical performances, these will focus the country's attention on the positive role of the Bible in our lives.

Your church and community can be a part of this too. The website shows how you can support both the national opportunities and ignite local activities to mark this event in your area.

For example, you could arrange a Bible reading marathon in a public space and invite local community leaders to take part, sponsor a Bible art competition in your local school or college, or host a biblical oratorio (see recreationtheoratorio.com). You can find further practical ideas at our website and at biblefresh.com.

2011trust.org

Biblefresh

Biblefresh is a movement of churches, agencies, colleges and festivals seeking to encourage and inspire churches across the UK to a greater confidence and appetite for the Scriptures. The initiative heralds next year's national celebrations marking the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible – first published in 1611. As we look forward to 2011, Biblefresh is asking churches to come on a one-year journey,

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pledging their leadership and members to READ the Bible, be TRAINED in handling the Bible well, to GIVE to translate the Bible in Burkina Faso, and to provide opportunities for people to EXPERIENCE the Bible in new and creative ways. *Biblefresh – The Book* offers a host of tips, insights and ideas, and the Biblefresh website will keep you updated with news and resources.

biblefresh.com

You've Got the Time

You've Got the Time is a unique way of getting a better grip on the New Testament in a short time. All it takes is an individual, a house group or, ideally, a whole church to commit to listening to a daily 30-minute portion of Scripture over a forty-day period. You can listen while jogging, driving your car, doing the ironing or you can consciously take time out, dropping everything and immersing yourself fully in the spoken Word for half an hour a day.

You've Got the Time is part of the worldwide Bible Society/Hosanna programme *Faith Comes by Hearing*, making the Bible available in audio to oral cultures across the two-thirds world.

Your congregation or listening group will have a chance to support that global outreach, as well as benefiting from the experience yourselves, as you make your way from Matthew to Revelation via a brand new, top quality recording (Contemporary English Version) featuring the Riding Lights Theatre Company.

Available this autumn. Further information at **biblesociety.org.uk**

E100 Bible Reading Challenge

The *E100 Bible Reading Challenge*, a part of Biblefresh, is based around 100 carefully selected Bible readings (50 from the Old Testament and 50 from the New Testament). They have been chosen with one goal in mind: to give people a good understanding of the overall Bible story from Genesis to Revelation. The E stands for Essential and each of the Essential 100 readings ranges from a few verses to a few chapters.

Backed by Bible Society, Scripture Union and Wycliffe Bible Translators, the programme is very flexible and can be adapted to the needs of any local church.

Through completing the challenge, participants are encouraged to build a regular habit of spending time with God through Bible reading and prayer. *E100* will be launched to churches this autumn.

Available autumn 2010. Further information at **e100challenge.org.uk**

The Freedom Bible

Bible Society's new *Freedom Bible* is a special Bible edition that spells out what it means for us to accept God's gift of freedom. It uses the easy-to-read Contemporary English Version (CEV) Bible translation and on its pages highlights over 3,500 verses that reveal what God has to say about freedom.

Whether for your personal study or as a gift to a new Christian, *The Freedom Bible* tells of God's purpose, promises and forgiveness. With added Bible studies, testimonies and reflections, it is a Bible to energise your life, faith and witness.

Available October 2010. Information at **bibleresources.org.uk/freedom**

Grow with the Bible

An ideal takeaway resource for Bible Sunday 2010 is the first of four downloadable leaflets Bible Society has helped to create with Grow with the Bible. The leaflet covers five days of reflections on Luke 4.16–21 to help your church feed on this message throughout the following week. All four leaflets have been designed to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the publication of the Authorised Version of the Bible next year and contain text in the Authorised Version and Good News translations. The other leaflets are for Christmas 2010 (also available now), Easter 2011 and Harvest 2011.

grow-with-the-bible.org.uk