

# Session 1: Introduction to the Bible

## Leaders' Notes

### Welcome to session one of The Bible Series. This week is an introduction to the Bible.

These notes provide an outline of resources to assist your service preparation. Feel free to use all or some of the available resources in whatever order suits your context best.

#### Resources

In this session, the following resources are available for you to use:

##### The Bible Series Media Resources

You could use these resources at the start of your service to remind people about the series or before the sermon.

- The Bible Series animation
- PowerPoint slide

##### Sermon Resources

You can watch the short film summary by Andrew Ollerton, or the full length sermon filmed at KingsGate Church. The series book is also a vital resource to assist you in preparing your sermon. Alternatively, you could play the short or full length video direct to your church.

- Short film (please note that this film is also part of the Small Group resources)
- Sermon film from Kingsgate
- Series Book: *The Bible: A Story that Makes Sense of Life*

##### Films

Use either the animation film about the Bible, or the Spoken Word film by Dai Woolridge telling the story of the Bible in four beats

- Introducing the Bible
- Eden

##### Worship Resources

- The Scripture reading film creatively weaves together a selection of verses relevant to the theme
- The Testimony film features a variety of voices conveying their experience of the Bible
- Written prayer – designed to be read aloud to draw your church together in prayer
- Songs and hymns – we recommend the following songs and hymns that connect with the session theme:

*King of Kings* (Hillsong) [www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQl4izzPeNU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQl4izzPeNU)

*Every Promise* (Stuart Townend) [www.youtube.com/watch?v=3l8RVhxndYg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3l8RVhxndYg)

*Speak, O Lord* (Keith and Kristyn Getty) [www.youtube.com/watch?v=qNCHZrwlo9c](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qNCHZrwlo9c)

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*Ancient Words* (Michael W Smith) [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ouTgX9hcwk4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ouTgX9hcwk4)

*Psalm 23* (Stuart Townend) [www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXPPzuCJMCS](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXPPzuCJMCS)

*Your Word* (Hillsong) [www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9NEYy71lcU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9NEYy71lcU)

*Word of God* (Elevation) [www.youtube.com/watch?v=P9d4p5faTIU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P9d4p5faTIU)

### Children's Resources

We want to encourage all ages to be able to experience the big story of the Bible. Please advise your children and youth leaders that there are lesson plans and resources for all age groups.

### Youth Resources

An excellent series of YouTube films has been created by The Way Studios, enabling youth groups to explore key themes in The Bible Series.

### Small Group Resources

The Short Film and Discussion Guide enable small groups to unpack the relevance of each Sunday session of The Bible Series in a personal way together. Use the resources alongside your usual practices of worship, prayer and socialising.

### The Series Book

*The Bible: A Story that Makes Sense of Life*. Written by Dr Andrew Ollerton, the book gives a short chapter and Scripture reading for each day of the week throughout the series. For leaders, it also provides a resource to help with preparation.

### Creating your services

Feel free to use all or some of the resources available to construct your service. By way of example, you could follow this outline:

The Bible Series Service Order:

- The Bible Series promotional video to launch the service
- Welcome by host/service leader
- Worship song(s) selected from the list
- Spoken Word film
- Scripture reading video
- Sermon (alternatively show the short film or 20-minute version from Kingsgate Church)
- Testimony video
- Prayers
- Worship song(s)

We hope these resources are useful and that you continue to enjoy hosting The Bible Series

## Next Session:

### Session 2: Origins & Meaning

