



Be a voice for Open the Book by helping to share Bible Stories in primary schools by becoming a Storyteller

What's a Storyteller?

A Storyteller is someone who helps deliver Bible Stories through Open the Book (OtB) to their local primary school(s) in assemblies/collective worship time. Storytellers can provide practical assistance with props, help organise the stories, participate in the reading and enactment of the stories. Storytellers work in teams of between 4 and 12 people and are made up of volunteers from a local church or churches working together. Each team needs a Team Leader (and Deputy Team Leader) who are the primary contact people for this team. They will be a storyteller but also willing to take responsibility for the team's activities and, like Storytellers, they must be approved by their church leadership. Each storyteller needs a current DBS check which should be organised by their own church.

What would I be doing?

You would help share the Bible with the next generation by:

- Meeting together with other storytellers to arrange practice times and the sharing of responsibilities e.g. narrating, acting, dressing up, supporting children with the presentation of the Bible Storytelling, making props, costumes, praying, helping with rotas or organising story presentations
- Getting involved in the team using your gifts and talents to deliver Bible Stories in collective worship/assemblies using ideas from OtB
- Meet with the team to plan and prepare assemblies
- Attend an information session and training sessions when possible

How much time is involved?

You'll spend time – maybe up to an hour total (preferably weekly or fortnightly) – meeting with the team to plan, prepare and present Bible stories to your local primary school using a script, handbook and picture Bible making the presentations fun and interactive with the children. Sometimes you may wish to include them in the acting.

What could I gain from being a Storyteller?

You'll:

- have lots of fun with other volunteers
- use your gifts and talents to share the Bible with the next generation
- have the satisfaction of knowing that your efforts are boosting Bible literacy throughout England and Wales and the Channel Islands
- be part of a church or churches together team that is serving their local community
- have the opportunity to participate in local training to help enhance your Bible Story presentations.

Will I have support?

- There's help from your Team Leader, Deputy Team Leader and Area Co-ordinator as well as Open the Book and Bible Society staff based in Swindon. We can be contacted by email or phone.

Contact enquiries@openthebook.net or telephone 01793 418355 for further details