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Dear *name of Head Teacher*

I am writing to let you know about an exciting project that could help your school with interesting Bible-related assemblies/acts of Collective Worship. We just want to help build a connection in our local community between the church and the school.

Allow me to introduce you to **Open the Book** (OtB).

OtBis part of Bible Society that offers primary school children an opportunity to hear Bible stories while seeing them acted out. As a team of Christians from local churches, we present the stories reading from *The Lion Storyteller Bible* and using the carefully scripted OtB Handbooks that introduce and close the story time.

We have fun dressing up in costume to act the part and involve the children with us when we can. Each presentation takes around 10-15 minutes and can be incorporated into a wider school assembly, or can stand alone as a short presentation. Teachers can follow up children’s questions in the classroom or choose to link the stories through to Religious Education lessons or to core values.

Our storytelling team would like to do this, free of charge, on a regular basis over a school year so the stories build on each other. Ideally we could be in your school every week or two. It doesn’t take long for the children to look forward to these times. We can continue for longer if it appeals.

Currently there are over 17,700 volunteers across England, Wales and the Isle of Man, storytelling in over 3000 schools and we would love to be in your school helping too.

OtB has been favourably received by OFSTED, ESTYN and SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) and helps primary schools in meeting their statutory Collective Worship obligations under the 1998 Schools Standards & Framework Act.

We are happy to discuss your requirements for coming to the school. We have been safely recruited as volunteers from *name of church(es)* and we all *have/will be getting* a current *Enhanced DBS (without a check of the barred list) certificate should you require it.*

I would like the chance to show you samples of the excellent resources that we work from and have a conversation about how we might be able to help you with your assemblies/acts of Collective Worship.

Please do contact me on 00000 000000 or email me …@… and if you would like to, we can discuss any questions you may have.

Please visit the OtB website to see more at [openthebook.net](http://www.openthebook.net).

I look forward to hearing from you.