



## Storyteller Role Description

Bringing the Bible to life for every child in every primary school

### 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 and/or acts of Collective Worship times. Storytellers can provide practical assistance with props, help organise the stories, participate in the reading and with the enactment of the stories. Storytellers work in teams of between 4 to 12 people made up of volunteers from a local church or churches working together. Each team needs a Team Leader and Deputy Team Leader (see separate role description) who are the primary contact people for this team; they will be Storytellers but also willing to take responsibility for the team's activities and, like Storytellers, they must be safely recruited by their church.

### What will I be doing?

You'll help share the Bible with primary school children by:

- meeting together with other Storytellers in your team to plan and prepare the presentations
- sharing responsibilities among the team members e.g. narrating, acting, dressing up, making props, costumes, praying, helping with rotas or organising story presentations
- attending an initial training session when possible and update training as requested by the Team Leader with an approved OtB trainer
- following the Code of Practice and knowing how to report any safeguarding concerns

### 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.

### What will I gain from being a Storyteller?

You'll:

- have lots of fun with other volunteers
- use skills and experience directly in work that builds God's kingdom and shares the Bible with primary school children
- have the satisfaction of knowing that your efforts are changing Bible Literacy knowledge in your local area
- receive training and updates on the current work of OtB and Bible Society

### Will I have support?

- There's help from your Team Leader, Deputy Team Leader, local Trainer and Area Co-ordinator as well as OtB and Bible Society staff based in Swindon. If you need our help, advice or support please contact us by phone or email.
- There will also be plenty of people praying for you!

### How do I get started?

- Our website has lots of information and advice to help you and your church get involved. Go to the OtB website to the Volunteers tab and follow the steps under 'What you need to do'.  
[openthebook.net/volunteers](https://openthebook.net/volunteers)
- Our team are happy to answer any question you may have. Email [enquiries@openthebook.net](mailto:enquiries@openthebook.net) or telephone 01793 418355 for further details.