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From rural China to inner city London, together, we're offering the Bible to the world. This issue of Word in Action highlights just some of the people impacted by God's word through the work you support.

Brenda Dainton first encountered the Bible 70 years ago at primary school, and the stories she heard have shaped her whole life (see page 8). Others, like Mark Wilson, have struggled to connect with the Bible for years despite having a strong faith and training to be a minister (page 10).

Whether I am witnessing someone encounter the Bible in a format they understand for the first time or encouraging a seasoned reader to share it with others, serving in this mission is a truly humbling experience. This Christmas, I hope you will be able to share our Bible Bedtime booklet (included in this Word in Action) with a family that may not have heard or read a Bible story before.

We know that, through the Bible, God can transform people's lives. Thanks to your support, many more people will have an opportunity to read Scripture – and who knows where that first encounter will take them?

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in the news ...

Wintershall Nativity back for its 22nd year

The Wintershall Nativity will be performing between 16 December to 20 December - as it has been for the past 22 years. It takes place in and outside the Barn Theatre, Holly Barn complete with shepherds and sheep, donkeys and the three wise men on horseback. The Nativity which is always a huge hit with adults and children alike depicts a Christian view of Christmas. A visitor to last year's production said: 'Christmas is nowadays about shopping mania, materialism and stress-unfortunately.'

'Coming to watch the Nativity play with my husband and two young children (4 and 5 years-old) was a very humbling, calming experience and moved me to tears. It reminded me of why we have Christmas and actually de-stressed me, getting back to basics and why we are here in the first place.'

Tickets are available to order by calling 01793 418299 or emailing boxoffice@biblesociety.org.uk

Photo: Clare Kendall/Bible Society

'First year goal reached,' say exhibition organisers

'Our first year goals have been reached in bringing a fresh, diverse audience to the show.' That was how event director Bill Allen summed up the first-ever Christian Resources Exhibition at ExCeL, London.

'Two in every three people were first-time visitors, justifying our decision to move CRE to the heart of London,' he explained. 'Our exhibitors had told us they wanted to see a wider, more diverse and dynamic audience. 'We were therefore delighted to welcome so many new visitors, from all sorts of church and community backgrounds, to the show.'

More than 300 stands displayed everything from motorcycle funerals to communion wine, printers to puppets, stained glass to sound systems. And over 100 seminars offered advice on subjects ranging from preaching to self-publishing, church websites to social exclusion.

Following this success, the CRE team are now getting ready to head to the Birmingham NEC on 7-8 October 2015. As well as the usual stands and seminars, they will be joined by worship leader Tim Hughes and Bishop Joe Aldred. Don't miss out!

Call 01793 418222 to order your tickets today.



At the gates of Traiskirchen, Austria

MAKING BIBLES AVAILABLE TO THOUSANDS OF ASYLUM SEEKERS

As thousands of asylum seekers arrive in Austria, our staff are making Bibles available to people in camps and those awaiting news of their asylum application across the country. Austria is expecting some 80,000 asylum seekers to arrive in the country this year. This follows 27,000 last year and 18,000 in 2013. The team in Vienna is making Bibles, and biblical tracts, available in Arabic to people across Austria.

'The aim,' said Dr Jutta Henner, who leads our work in Austria, 'is that Christians who come to us can have a Bible. Arriving in Austria is not the end of the journey. It is the beginning of struggles and hardship in a new situation.' She said that many people seeking asylum find the Bible comforting. 'There are stories of people who had been in the same situation as asylum seekers,' she said, 'far from home, facing an uncertain future, not being welcome, being persecuted and afraid. When they read these stories they can have hope and cry out to God.'

The Bibles and booklets are made available both at the main reception camp in Traiskirchen, just outside Vienna, and through churches and

non-governmental organisations across the country. Local churches, including the Arabic-speaking Catholic church and the Syrian Orthodox church in Vienna, request Arabic Bibles when new arrivals join their congregations. They often give Bibles both to welcome people and at baptismal services.

It is expected that some 2,500 Bibles will be distributed this year, a ten-fold increase on 2014. 'There is huge demand for Arabic Bibles,' Dr Henner said. She added, 'We are a small Bible Society and can't do humanitarian work. There are NGOs who do that and have the experience of doing it. We work with them to provide the Bible to people. Whenever we come across Christians who are refugees they tell us of the joy that receiving a Bible gives them and that convinces us that we have to continue to do this.'

'The asylum process can take years,' she added. 'So it can be difficult to build relationships, but you can take the Bible with you wherever you go.' Further updates on the Bible Society's work in Austria will be available on our website and in the next issue of Word in Action.

FROM SCEPTIC



It was 1983 and teenager Yin Jianhui had just left school in Hunan Province, China, when a group of elderly people approached her and asked her to read the Bible to them. Yin had never come across Scripture before and the churches hadn't reopened following the Cultural Revolution. These older folk were illiterate and she felt a duty to help. 'I would read a passage of the Bible to them and then they would discuss and explain it' said Yin. 'I would sit and listen, read another passage and

so on. But when they prayed, I always left the room. I felt it was silly to sit and pray to a cross on a wall.' One of the group had an old hymn book, so Yin taught them the words and, as she could read music, helped them learn the tunes. Soon they were singing together as well.

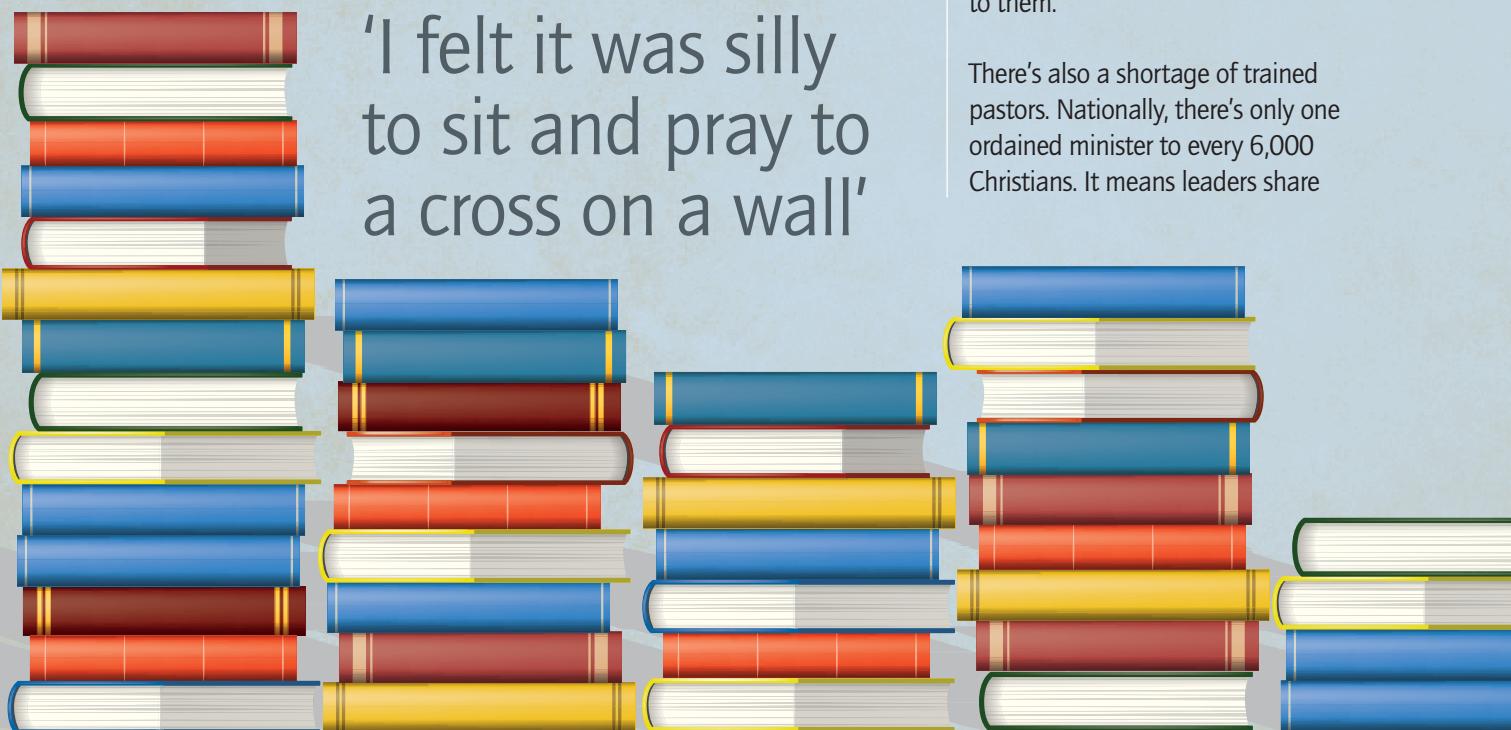
But for Yin, Scripture only took on meaning when her young nephew became gravely ill. 'He cried all the time and nothing could help him,' said Yin. 'I had learnt the Lord's Prayer by heart and although I didn't know how to pray, I recited this.' Over time, her nephew's health improved and six months after her first encounter with the Bible, Yin became a Christian. Today, she's a 51-year-old ordained pastor responsible for 200,000 believers, 265 churches and seven other pastors in Yi Yang district. Yin's story is a powerful reminder of the

impact the Bible has – and thanks to your support, more people like her are encountering Scripture in China. More than 68 million Chinese Bibles have rolled off the presses at our printing centre in Nanjing since 1987. Last year, we printed four million copies, but that was still a million short of demand. The Bible is a bestseller in China and although its officially an atheist country, it has one of the largest Christian populations in the world.

There are 65,000 churches and 40 million Christians in China. Unofficially, the number is thought to be close to 100 million Christians. But times are changing and Kua Wee Seng, who leads our work in China, says the window of opportunity to share the Bible may be closing. 'When a community goes through change, it's more open to new beliefs and ideas. Once people have settled, it will be hard to open the Bible to them.'

There's also a shortage of trained pastors. Nationally, there's only one ordained minister to every 6,000 Christians. It means leaders share

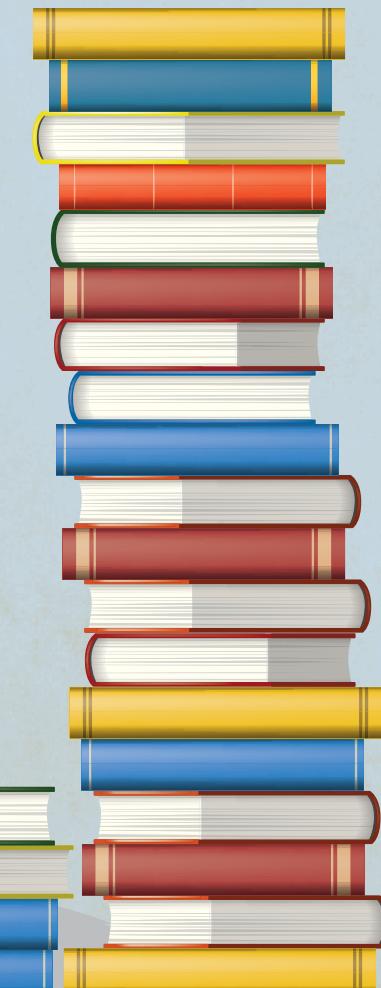
'I felt it was silly to sit and pray to a cross on a wall'



TO PASTOR

themselves between five or six churches. Some Christians, might only hear their pastor preach once every two months.

Evangelising to children in China remains illegal. However, in the last three years, we've helped churches run literacy classes and Sunday schools – and more than 85,000 children have had a first encounter with Scripture as a result. But with 215 million children under the age of 14 in China, there's a long way to go to pass on the Bible to the next generation. This Christmas we will be supporting our brothers and sisters in China, please join us in praying for them at this special time.



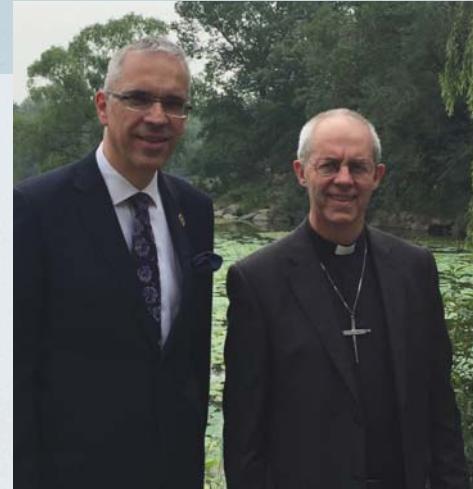
Bible Society's Hazel Southam has visited China several times to report on our work there. She has many experiences of meeting individuals as they encounter the Bible for the first time.

Just thinking about the Bible and China is hard to comprehend. Within living memory the Bible was a banned book. You could be arrested and detained for simply owning a copy. Today you can buy it in churches and in specially-licensed bookshops.

I remember chatting to a young mum in rural China. She'd attended a church service with her toddler because she wanted to get her hands on a Bible. There was simply no way she could afford to buy one and on this particular Sunday, they were being given

Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, joined Bible Society's Group Chief Executive, James Catford, this summer on a ten-day trip to China to build on relations with the Church there.

It was the Archbishop's first trip to the country. During a sermon at Muen Church, Shanghai, he spoke about 1 Peter and said Chinese Christians should be prepared to witness, but with respect and gentleness. 'Peter was very clear that the heart of witness lay not in aggressive shouting at people, or any other form of manipulation or disruption, but in lives that were lived so clearly that people would ask why the Christian lived in such a way,' he said.



away. The place was packed. It was January and bitterly cold. She'd been there for hours with a small child.

What struck me was how vested her faith in reading the Bible. She suffered from diabetes, and without medical care, was looking to it to find words of solace and hope from God. That was sobering.

"What?" I asked, "will you read first?" She looked at me like I was a complete idiot and said, "I'm just going to read it right the way through." That rather told me.



Young volunteers under the spotlight

hello
world

We love getting to know our young volunteers, so we've challenged four of them to take on our WIA quick quiz. They're all part of our volunteer programme called hello world, for people aged 18-30.



Luke Hamilton, 22, lives in Surrey and works for Alpha. He volunteered for Bible Society at the Spring Harvest festival earlier this year. **Q1** What is the first Bible story you can remember hearing? **A1** Noah and the Ark. Everyone loves the thought of monkeys and lions side by side in a boat! **Q2** Cream then jam or jam then cream on your scone? **A2** Jam and then cream of course! **Q3** Who is your Bible hero/ heroine? **A3** Paul in Ephesians. The passion he had is incredible; it proves that no one is beyond the saving grace of the Lord. **Q4** What is your favourite Bible quote/ passage/verse? **A4** Joshua 1.9 **Q5** Karaoke or pub quiz? **A5** Pub quiz. I'm only a professional singer in the shower!



Harriet Anderson, 28, is a freelance composer living in Devon with her husband. In October 2014 Hatty travelled to Cambodia with Bible Society to visit projects with our team out there. **Q1** Theatre or cinema? **A1** DEFINITELY theatre! You can't beat a live performance. **Q2** What book in the Bible are you currently reading? **A2** Just been looking at King Hezekiah in 2 Kings. **Q3** E-books or paper? **A3** Paper! **Q4** Beach or forest? **A4** Ooh tough one! Probably forest, I'd stay in a cool little log cabin, make a camp-fire and climb trees. **Q5** What is your favourite verse in the Bible? **A5** I really like Jeremiah 13.11. We are his people and this verse reveals his passion for us.



Sasha Austin-Seade, 29, lives in Luton and works for the Princes Trust as assistant team leader to 16-25 year olds. **Q1** What is the first Bible story you can remember hearing? **A1** Noah's ark. I'm sure there was some sort of work sheet which included colouring a rainbow... **Q2** Fry-up or continental breakfast? **A2** Um breakfast totally depends on the day, but I vote 'continental fry-up'! Is that allowed? **Q3** Who is your Bible hero/ heroine? **A3** There are so many to choose from but I think I'll pick Esther for her courage, passion and faith in God. **Q4** What translation of the Bible are you currently reading? **A4** The NLT translation. I switch between that and NIV. **Q5** Twitter or broadsheet? **A5** Definitely broadsheet, I just don't get Twitter!



Alex Howlett, 21, is a third year student at York University, studying aeronautical engineering. **Q1** If you had to give a Bible-novice one book of the Bible to read, which would you choose? **A1** The Book of Acts. It shows God's grace and how he can use broken people to do his work. **Q2** Tea or coffee? **A2** Tea! **Q3** Picnic or sit-down dinner? **A3** Sit-down dinner (obviously depending on what's on the menu) **Q4** What is the first Bible story you can remember hearing? **A4** Noah, I think mainly as it has a catchy song. **Q5** What translation of the Bible are you currently reading? **A5** NIV, although I'm just about to get a copy of The Message.

PASS IT ON

Thank you and well done to everyone who completed the Bible characters crossword from the summer issue. We would like to congratulate winners Clive from Carmarthen and Doreen from Essex. We hope you enjoy your leather-bound ESV Bibles.

Over the past year we've mailed out almost a million free Bible story booklets for children. All are retellings of classic Bible stories from the Hodder Children's Bible by Sally Ann Wright and Honor Ayres, and children's author Martin Coleman.

We hope these booklets find their way into the hands of families who have not had the opportunity to connect with the Bible before. In this issue of Word in Action, you will find one of these booklets and we'd love you to pass it on to a family you think would enjoy reading it. **Thank you.**

Why not try your own re-telling in less than 400 words?

Here are a few story suggestions:

David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)

Moses' birth (Exodus 3.1-22)

Solomon's wisdom (1 Kings 3.1-28)

The burning bush (Exodus 3.1-22)

Jesus feeds 5,000 (Matthew 14.13-21)

How would you re-tell your chosen story to a seven-year-old? Which bits will you keep in? Leave out?

Will you write a story, song, poem or draw a comic strip?

What do you think is the most important message the reader gets from your re-telling?

However you chose to re-tell a Bible story, we hope you enjoy doing it as much as we have and we'd love to hear about your experience. Please share your Bible story re-telling with us by emailing wia@biblesociety.org.uk or send it to WiA, BFBS, Stonehill Green, Westlea, Swindon, SN5 7DG. We will feature two entries in the Spring 2016 issue

'They thought they had a religious maniac on their hands.'

A Bible Society supporter reveals her **first encounter with the Bible** – and why she's committed to passing on Scripture to future generations.

More than 70 years on, Brenda Dainton can still remember the first time she heard the Bible. And it's no exaggeration to say that it's been shaping her life ever since. 'I was at primary school and a teacher used to read the Bible to us. I still remember hearing the story of the woman at the temple who put in two small coins, and gave more than anybody else,' says Brenda. 'That really captured my imagination. I liked the idea of giving everything to the Lord.'

Brenda grew up in a crowded three-bedroom house in Tottenham, with her mother, father and seven brothers and sisters. They weren't a church-going family. So when Brenda, intrigued by the story she'd heard at school, asked for a Bible for her tenth birthday, her parents were astonished. 'They thought they had a religious maniac on their hands,' laughs Brenda. 'I misunderstood their reaction, and thought I'd asked for something terribly expensive – so never said any more about it.'

But when the day dawned, Brenda received a carefully-wrapped Bible from her sister, and reading it soon became part of life. 'I took it on holiday, I shared it with my younger siblings, and I read it all the way through for the first time when I was 15,' says Brenda. 'I just always thought of it as something precious.'

Aged 16, Brenda started attending Sunday school at the local Baptist church, taking her younger brother and sister along with her. 'We arrived late on the first day and entered a big hall absolutely full of children singing. As we watched, I decided I was going to like it there'. Brenda began going to the morning services and, later that year – despite being terrified of putting her head under water – she was baptised.

'I love the Bible because God's in it'

In the six decades since, Brenda has been a teacher, a supervisor at a London department store, a church deacon and a women's support worker for a Christian fellowship. She cared for her sick mother for four years, has been proposed to several times (she always declined) and was flooded out of the first home she bought. She lost six of her siblings to the genetic disorder Huntington's disease, and has become an auntie, a great-auntie, and a great-great auntie.

But through all the ups and downs, Brenda says Scripture has kept her going: 'I love the Bible because God's in it. God speaks to us and reveals himself through the Bible, and he also reveals us. I don't need any other book if I have the Bible; I read through it every year.'

Today, Brenda is an energetic 80-year-old living near Enfield, north London. She has sandwiched this interview between a walking holiday in Cornwall and an afternoon trip to London to hear a Christian speaker. She's a member of the newly-established Be Church, in Winchmore Hill, and is hoping to start up a Bible study group at her home soon. It's this passion for Scripture that prompted Brenda, recently, to make a commitment to leave a legacy to Bible Society in her will. 'Because I love the Bible, I want other people to love it too,' she said simply. 'Everybody has a right to have God's Word, to be taught how to read it and engage with it. I can't go to China or wherever and hand out Bibles, but I can give money for this work to be done.'

Brenda has made arrangements to share her estate equally between five charities – and it seems her decision completes a full circle back to that first encounter with Scripture at school. Brenda said, 'I gave my life to God when I became a Christian, so this house belongs to him and everything in it.'

The story of the widow's offering, that so profoundly resonated with Brenda as a child, has shaped her whole approach to her life and possessions. Now, her gift will pass on the Bible's stories to future generations, ensuring more young people have the opportunity to hear Scripture.

Howard Barker is our legacy advisor and will be very happy to answer any questions or guide you through the steps if you wish to leave a legacy. Email him at howard.barker@biblesociety.org.uk or call 01793 418222.



The first dyslexia-friendly gospel



'The Bible is off-putting to read,' says newly-ordained curate, Revd Mark Wilson, 28. 'But it's God's Word, so I strive on.'

Now, that might not be what you expect a British minister to say.

Though frankly, such honesty might be a relief to many; Mark's struggles with the Bible aren't necessarily theological. He finds it hard to read because, like one in ten of the British public, he's dyslexic.

This manifests itself differently for everyone. But for Mark, it means that patterns appear between the words, and that 'words don't look like words' he says. So Mark was delighted when we published a dyslexia-friendly Gospel of Mark.

Over several months we took advice from a group of dyslexic people and the British Dyslexic Association to produce a book that most people could read. It has thick, creamy pages, preventing the text from showing through. The typeface is clear and the size is larger than a normal Bible.

Sentences and paragraphs are short. The columns of text are much wider than a standard Bible, but narrower than in a novel. In fact, it's laid out just like this text you're reading now.

'It's really clear to read,' says Mark who took up the role of curate at St Thomas' Church, Kidsgrove, in the Lichfield Diocese, this summer. 'I really liked it. When are you doing the complete Bible?'

Mark says that the new gospel doubled the amount that he was able to read.

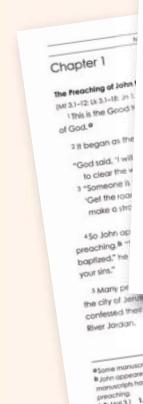
'Reading is often tiring,' he says, 'so normally when I read the Bible before bed, I read about a chapter. With this, I can read two chapters.'

Mark struggled to read the Bible when he first became a Christian, but persevered because he thought, 'This was God speaking to us. How can you miss an opportunity like that?'

But not everyone has that drive and motivation and he believes the dyslexia-friendly Gospel of Mark will be an easy-to-read option for today's teenagers living with dyslexia. 'I think it will be really useful to be able to give this to dyslexic children. It's so much easier to read. I can tell them how it's helped me,' he adds.

Matthew Van Duyvenbode, Bible Society's Director of External Relations, Advocacy and Research, said, 'It's easy to think that everyone in Britain has access to the Scriptures. Sadly that simply isn't true.'

'One of the reasons is that the Bible is a hugely difficult book for people with dyslexia to read. Clearly, we want to change that.'



'We're hugely encouraged by the early responses to this book. People are telling us that they've wanted this for years and asking when we're going to do the whole Bible.'

'We don't know the answer to that one yet, but we really hope that the Gospel of Mark opens up part of the Bible to a whole sector of our community who couldn't read it before.'

What other people said ...



Sarah Batty, 17, said, 'I never, ever enjoyed reading. I wasn't diagnosed with dyslexia until last year and I got really frustrated in lessons. When I got my own Bible I kind of liked the front cover, but I've never, ever picked it up to read it. I get panicky when I read because it feels like the words are attacking me. I gave advice on this new Gospel of Mark. I like the short sentences and how the text is broken down. That makes it easier.'

'But for me it's still a challenge, because I find it easier to read against a purple background not a cream one. I'd like to see the whole Bible made available for people with dyslexia. It could be done on different coloured papers so that all of us could read some of it.'



Bill Allen, 56, said, 'When I was at school they didn't really understand dyslexia, so they just thought I wasn't very fast at reading. One of the issues I suffer from is keeping the brain on the right place on the page. So the bigger the block of text, the harder it is to read.'

'The new gospel spaces every verse, so that issue is reduced and the clarity of the typeface stands out as a contrast against the page. That made it very easy to read and I didn't lose where I was on the page.'

'That made me confident that I had fully understood every part of the text.'

Buy a copy of the dyslexia-friendly Gospel of Mark for just £3.99

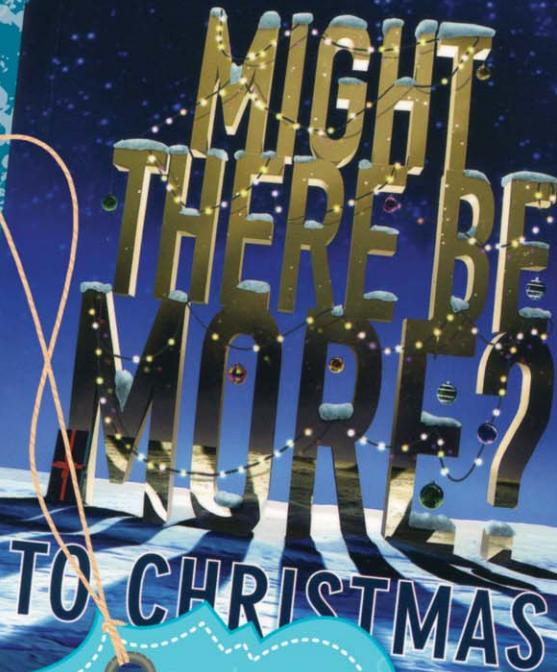
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Dyslexia factfile

- Dyslexia affects around 10% of the population
- Dyslexia is not just about literacy, it affects the way that information is stored, processed and retrieved. So people with dyslexia can have problems with memory and organisation
- Dyslexia is a neurological condition and is usually hereditary

Have a Bible Society CHRISTMAS

To celebrate your support and generosity over the last 12 months, we have a number of Christmas resources and activities for you to enjoy and share with family and friends.

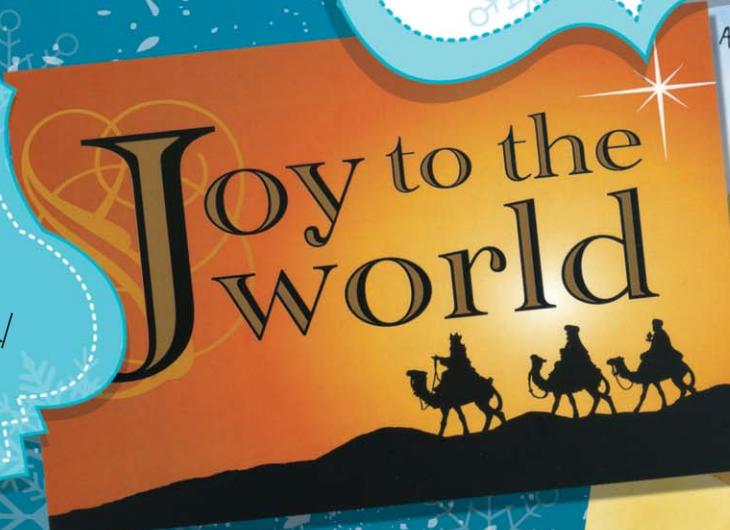


Might There Be More to Christmas?
Share the story of Jesus with this easy-to-read Gospel of Luke - perfect for those who have questions about the Christian faith, Sunday schools and youth groups.

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from biblesociety.org.uk/moretochristmaswia

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And a star shall be a sign



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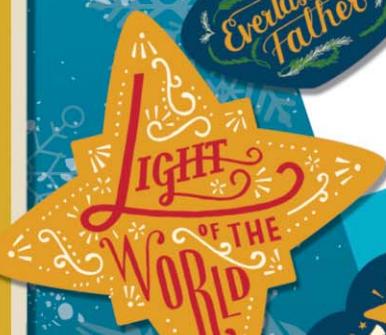
Take part in #AdventChallenge
On 1 December visit our online Advent calendar
and choose which of the three daily challenges
you'd like to take on: share goodwill with those around you and
share a new Bible theme each day. To sign up and take
part visit: biblesociety.org.uk/adventchallengewia

#AdventChallenge

Pass on the story

Share the Nativity story this Christmas
in your church or with others that may not
have read the Nativity story before.
Suitable for children aged three to five
and six-plus and are
available to order free, from
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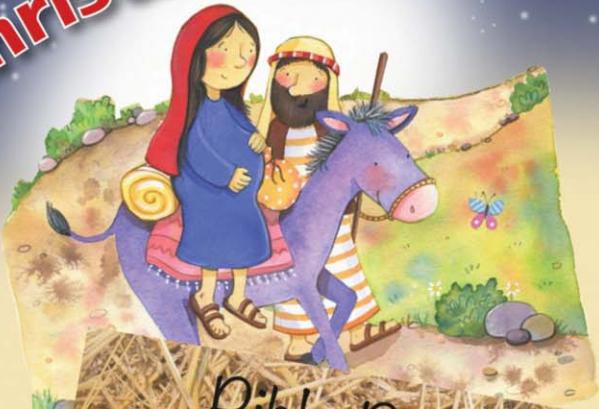


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Christmas Stickers and 2016 Calendar
Tell your friends about this beautifully designed calendar that they
can order free from biblesociety.org.uk. Don't forget to use the poster
in this pack to tell your church about Christmas stickers this year.
And if you know anyone that would enjoy this beautifully
designed 2016 calendar, send them to biblesociety.org.uk/calendar2016wia where they can order their own copy.

Great stories from the Bible, re-told in rhyme and pictures

The Christmas Poem



Bible Bedtime 2
THE NATIVITY



You can find the story in the Bible (Luke 2:1-20 and Matthew 2:1-12)

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YOUR

LETTERS



We liked the quiz.
A good challenge
when we think we
know the Bible!

PAUL, WARWICKSHIRE

I really appreciate and encourage Bible Society's push to put Bible stories into modern languages and contexts to show people, and especially children, who don't come from a Christian background that the Bible is an amazing book.
Thank you!

MS. A. BEAL, BRIGHTON

It's good to tell stories of Jesus in ways that children can understand. One little girl showed me the story book she had received so it is catching their attention.

MARGARET, PLYMOUTH

It's so important to get the Bible to young people, especially today when they are exposed to so many different voices. I applaud and support you.

SUSAN, EXETER

'Pass it on' is a fantastic resource! I am giving copies of it to couples asking for their babies to be baptised – encouraging them to read Bible stories in a fresh and exciting way.
Thank you.

CHRIS, WARRINGTON

WE LOVE TO
HEAR FROM YOU

Email us your thoughts and comments at wia@biblesociety.org.uk or use the comments form attached. We reserve the right to edit letters for style and length. The views expressed do not necessarily represent those of Bible Society.



'But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.' Matthew 6.33 (ESV)

'I passionately believe we need to read the whole of Scripture to get an idea of who God is, but I chose this verse because it seems to sum up everything. It's about putting God first. It's a verse that puts everything into perspective, coming, as it does, in the middle of a passage about not worrying.'

I've been working as Head of Bible Society Wales for just over a year and I've met people from all sorts of ministries, each with their own agendas and aims.

'This verse reminds me that, actually, we're all joined together in seeking the kingdom of God. Wales is a country of just three million people, so if we really want to offer the Bible, we do need to develop strong relationships with others.'

'At the beginning of November we'll be publishing the newest translation of the Bible in Welsh, beibl.net, in print, for the first time. That's a hugely rich opportunity for us to work with others and get the Bible into the hands and hearts particularly of young people in Wales.'

Christine Daniel is Head of Bible Society Wales

Biblepeople:

It was while Richard Franklin was presenting the news for ITV West that he began to wonder if there was a job he could do that would connect more closely with his faith. He'd been at ITV since 1995, first as a reporter, then on the newsdesk setting up stories and later as a producer in the live TV gallery. It was a world marked by pressure, speed and variety, and Richard loved the challenge – but was thinking about making a change.

Then, local news had a shake-up, and Richard was made redundant. 'It was a blow, I had enjoyed the lifestyle, but it gave me the financial security to go and try something new.' In 2009, he joined Bible Society as a Press Officer, and today his challenge is to promote the Bible – particularly to people who may never even consider it.

'I've been quite shocked at how little people know about the Bible. There's a tremendous amount of apathy towards it,' he said. 'But by doing things like hiring a giant whale to get people into the story of Jonah, or re-enacting the feeding of the 5,000 on a beach, we're presenting the Bible differently.'

'We're inviting people to take a look and open it up. When you hear people say how great the stories are, when the penny drops and they realise there could be something in the Bible for them... that's the rewarding bit for me. The Bible is very powerful and can speak to people in many different ways.'

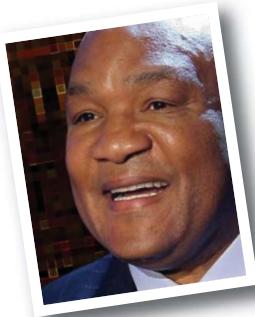
'I'm doing something that's like a calling. I think God wants me in this place, doing this. And that's a great privilege.'



On sharing the Bible with Mohammed Ali

Every time I saw him, to the point that he'd hide. "Stop it. Stop it, George!" Just like he would run his mouth to opponents, I was running my mouth to him about the Bible—always pointing out a Bible scripture. He told me, "Just let me alone." But I loved that. That was my greatest experience, explaining and showing him things in the Bible.

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