



# The Bible Mission



## THE MISSION AIM

The Bible is for everyone! We must never stop sharing it, even when others oppose us.



## KEY VERSE

**Deuteronomy 11:18-20:** "Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."



## Pre-Mission Activity



## Supplies Needed

- Enough 3 x 5" index cards (7.6 by 12.7 cm) for each recruit; keep one card for yourself or maybe more if you mess up
- Enough pairs of scissors for recruits to share
- Practice cutting an index card so that you can fit through it; instructions can be found at [www.wikihow.com/Pass-Your-Body-Through-a-Sheet-of-Paper](http://www.wikihow.com/Pass-Your-Body-Through-a-Sheet-of-Paper)

## Directions

**SAY:** How did the challenge go from last week? Did anyone have the chance to share some of Jesus' stories with others?

**DO:** Allow recruits a chance to share the experiences of their week.

**SAY:** Thanks so much for sharing your ideas. I have a random question here. Has anyone faced a challenge that they think might be impossible or at least really difficult?

**DO:** Give the recruits a chance to share.

**SAY:** I was asked recently to see if I could make a hole in this index card size piece of paper that would be big enough to fit over my head. I looked at the card, I looked at my friend, I touched my head and shoulders and said, "No way!" I didn't think it was possible. But guess what, my friend showed me that it is possible. So, I'm going to give you a few minutes to try. You can have up to three pieces of paper and some scissors. I want you to create a hole in the paper that is provided so that you can fit through it.

**DO:** Give the recruits a chance to try to get the paper working so it will fit over their bodies.

**SAY:** Does anyone give up yet? Did anyone get it yet? Doing what seems impossible; trying to get through a challenging task isn't easy.

**DO:** Give them about five minutes and then show them how to do it.

**SAY:** Okay, let me see if I can do it.

**DO:** Cut an index card paper so that it can fit over someone.

**SAY:** Sometimes what seems impossible can actually be possible. Persevering to complete a task can be tough but we can do it! This week I think that we'll be learning a bit about some of the obstacles that go into sharing and even writing the Bible.



## Mission Uplink 1



Have ready YouTube playlist: "Season 3 – The Bible Episode 5: The Bible Mission"

Play "The Bible (S3) Episode 5 (1/4)". Episode begins with the *Ready to Serve* theme song, followed automatically by the MISSION # 1 VIDEO. Pause the video when the MISSION # 1 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 1.

If using PPT for video, have TB-Episode\_5-The\_Bible\_Mission.pptx ready and play slide one. Pause on the MISSION # 1 CARD so you and your recruits can complete Mission # 1.



## Mission #1



### Supplies Needed

- Set up according to the "Mission # 1" template (see attachment pages 7 and 8)



### Mission Assignment

**SAY:** Oh no, more technical difficulties! Well, it sounds like these might be very small compared to the fact that we just found out some countries won't even let people have a Bible. That must be a huge roadblock to teaching about Jesus. Speaking of roadblocks, didn't Michael say something about our mission and roadblocks? Let's get to it and see what we can discover. On three let's all yell out the mission that's coming up for us: (reading mission card from satellite uplink) "Your mission is to get some contraband (secret items) and move it from their storage containers to a special drop spot that your leader will tell you about. The challenge is that if you are seen with these secret items or caught with them you could be put in jail."

**SAY:** Sounds pretty interesting! I received more details for the mission from the team. Let me just pull them out and see what we need to do.

**DO:** Make sure that you are set up for the Mission. Read the mission from the team and get the game start.



**SAY:** How was that? What was it like to feel like you might get caught at any time? How did you feel about being blocked, stopped by the secret police?

**DO:** Give the recruits a moment to share and reflect.

**SAY:** You know the Bible is so important. It's the truth! Since it's the truth, sometimes people don't want to hear it and they try to block others from hearing it. I know it sounds crazy but Jemal has experienced this very thing. He's being blocked from reading the word of God, the truth, in his classroom. Wow! Speaking of wow, we should go and see how everyone is making out back at Control Central. It sounded like a bit of a crazy time. By the way, I've heard that just getting the contraband to the drop box would allow Kate to decode our thoughts and retrieve the information that we've just discovered.



## Mission Uplink 2



YouTube: Play "The Bible (S3) Episode 5 (2/4)". Pause the video when the MISSION # 2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 2.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when MISSION #2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 2.



## Mission #2



### Supplies Needed

- Be sure that that the "Interpreting the Bible" cards are in the three Bibles that were used for the Mission #1 (see attachment page 9)
- Pencils
- Scrap paper for writing a verse on
- Bible to read aloud Psalm 118:1-9



### Mission Assignment

**SAY:** Who knew that translating the Bible was such a process? Wycliffe, Tyndale, Luther. That's incredible. Speaking of incredible, I think we might just have the chance to find out some more details about how the Bible was translated and put into print for us, to read it in our own language. Let's find out the details of our mission. Let's watch as Mission # 2 comes onto the screen and yell out our task. (Reading mission card from satellite uplink) "Recruits, go on a search to discover how the Bible came to be in various languages."

**SAY:** Well I don't know about you, but before I can even start this mission, I'm feeling very curious about what is in the packages we were sneaking across enemy territory. Are any of you brave enough to go and see what you can find? Let's have a few of you run over to our drop box and see if any of the wrapped items have any clues on them.



**DO:** Send some recruits over to get some of the Bibles. If they don't come back with numbered ones, send them off again, reminding them to look for clues.

**SAY:** Look here, this has a number on it. Let's see if there are others.

**DO:** Ensure that the three Bibles are found with the numbers written on them.

**SAY:** Let's open them in order. Maybe they have some secret clues to our mission.

**DO:** Open each package in order and dramatically read what is written inside. When you get to the third one, be prepared with paper and pencils for the recruits to write down the Bible verses given.

**SAY:** Hey, I think we've just discovered the information we've needed for our second mission. What did you think? How did you feel about copying down the verses that we were given? Can you imagine how Jerome or Luther or even Guttenberg with his press must have felt as they wrote and printed the Bible so that even the common people would be able to have it available to read? I sure am glad they persevered so that we could have this incredible book, the Bible written in English so that you and I can read it.

**SAY:** I think you've done a great job looking at how translating the Bible into other languages has come together. We'll have to be very careful about getting our Intel back to the Recon Team though because it is classified, after all. I think we should stick it back into the Bibles the way it came and hope that they can get it from there. Thinking of the team, let's get back to them and find out what's happening at Control Central.



## Mission Uplink 3



YouTube: Play "The Bible (S3) Episode 5 (3/4)". Pause the video when the PRAYER HUDDLE CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the prayer huddle.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when PRAYER HUDDLE CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the prayer huddle.



## Prayer Huddle



## Supplies Needed

- Three envelopes (or more if you have a large group)
- Divide the "Taking the Gospel to the World" template into three envelopes with one card for each envelope; if you have a large group you may need two or three copies of the cards divided up; seal the envelopes and write "Top Secret" over the opening (See attachment pages 10 and 11)



## Directions

**SAY:** Can you believe that there are still millions of people who have never heard the Bible or who have never even heard about Jesus Christ? For some of us, it's just a part of who we are. The Bible is so important to me that I couldn't imagine life without it. Can you? Before we get to our final mission, I think we had better do one more job. There have been people putting themselves in danger and working on new ways to get the Bible to the world. I think that since we are so blessed to have the Bible that we need to take some time to pray for these people and their missions.

**DO:** Divide the recruits into small groups with a leader or older recruit in each group. Ideally you will have at least three groups.

**SAY:** I am going to give you a sealed envelope. When I say "go", very carefully open it up and whisper the information that it is written inside. Remember that the people and groups listed in the envelopes could be hurt or even killed for trying to get the Bible to others. Once you have read the information, take a moment to have someone read the prayer that is written there. When the person has finished reading, all of you say "Amen" and sneak the information back into your envelopes.

**DO:** Give recruits a few minutes to share and read together.

**SAY:** Let's have a prayer all together. "God, you have heard our prayers for others as they take your Word to places that it is not welcome and as they translate it. Please show us how we can share the Bible even when it might be risky or scary. Amen"



## Field Mission Project



**YouTube:** Play "The Bible (S3) Episode 5 (4/4)". Pause the video when the FIELD MISSION CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.

**PPT:** Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when FIELD MISSION CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.



## Supplies Needed

- Paper hearts with Deuteronomy 11:18-20 written on one side
- A large paper heart cut out and posted on the wall that can be used to write down some brainstorming ideas
- Markers
- Pencils

## Mission Project

**SAY:** That was an eye opening prayer time. I know that you didn't each get to find out about different groups who are serving God in various Bible ministries. Perhaps throughout the week you can find out what you have learned from each other, or if you'd like, come see me to



get a copy of all three cards. Now, let's get back to thinking about our final mission for the day, Mission # 3. Let's have a drum roll please, (reading mission card from satellite uplink) "Your final mission: Brainstorm some ways that we can get Bibles to the millions of people in the world who don't know God's Word or don't have it available to them."

**SAY:** Though that doesn't sound like the easiest mission in the world I think you recruits can think of ways we can help to share God's Word with others. Before we begin though, I'd like you to take a look at the verse that Michael mentioned earlier. We've got it written here on some hearts for you and it's found in Deuteronomy 11.

**DO:** Read Deuteronomy 11:18-20 with the recruits.

**SAY:** This verse reminds us that we should always be memorizing the Bible and talking about it wherever we go. In order for people to memorize God's Word they need to know it. So, how can we get the Bible to others? Any thoughts? What could you do with your old Bibles from home? What could you do to support some of the groups that are already sending Bibles overseas? How can we get even Bible verses to others?

**DO:** Begin writing some ideas down on the large heart that you prepared as the kids are thinking. (support some of the organizations that we mentioned today by fundraising for them; taking our Bibles that we don't use to shelters, prisons where people might be able to read them, or even asking friends at school if they'd like a Bible; writing messages to our friends who might not know Jesus using Scripture verses like 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; paint pictures of Bible verses that you could put up in your house so that friends who don't know Jesus can see God's Word when they visit you)

**SAY:** This is a tough one but I think we've got some good ideas here. What I want you to do now is to take your heart verse and on the back of it, write or draw something that you can do this week to help share Bibles with the world.

**DO:** Give the recruits a moment to write down their idea(s).

**SAY:** Well recruits, you have been active today. The Bible has gone through quite a journey to make sure that many people know about God but there are still those who don't know the one true God and Jesus His Son. So we need to pray that God will take His Word to the world and that He will give us wisdom to know how we can help to do that. Have a great week.

## NOTES



# Mission # 1 Template

## Materials/Preparation

- Box full of Bibles wrapped in dark plastic like garbage bags (one per recruit if possible); inside three of the Bibles have an “Interpreting the Bible” card from Mission # 2 (one card per Bible); on the dark plastic use a small note to indicate by number which “Interpreting the Bible” card is hidden in the Bible (that way when you need to open them later you can identify them quickly)
- Include in the box other small items such as pennies, pencils, etc.
- An empty box/container on the side of the room opposite to the Bibles
- Secret police (two or three adults or recruits who will capture the recruits if caught with Bibles)
- Jailor (to be at a designated area and requiring recruits to perform various tasks such as like singing a praise song, reciting the alphabet, doing ten jumping jacks, etc.)

1. You will need to choose as big a location as you can to play this game. Ideally it would be outside but even if you have a smaller space it's okay. If you have a small space, set up obstacles like tipped tables and chairs etc. to make it difficult to get from one place to another.
2. On one side of the space you are using, have the box full of Bibles and other items.
3. Decide on a drop location for the recruits to take the items. The other side of the space you are using is ideal. Have a drop box or container there as well.
4. Choose two or three adults or kids ahead of time to be secret police. (The idea being that initially the recruits won't know who is out to catch them.) Their task through the game is to stop recruits by tagging them and finding out if they have any contraband items (Bibles, pennies, pencils etc.) If they find items on the recruits, the items are returned to the original box and the secret police will take the recruit to the “jail”. Once they have completed their tasks at the jail they may return to the game.
5. The object of the mission is to get the recruits to take as many items as they can across to the drop location. If you see your items in the original box dwindling too much sneak them back over from the drop box.
6. Read the mission instructions on the next page to the recruits and begin the game. Play for about five to seven minutes.

## THE MISSION

Please note that any text in bold needs to be filled in by you, the leader, based upon where you have decided your boundaries are, your drop locations are, etc.

Recruits, as the Commander said, the work we are doing today is top secret. So please listen very carefully. It's our job to make sure that all of the items in the box over (**fill in where the box is**) get to a secure location. Be sure to sneak the items to the drop location as I do not know who is looking for them. I also have no idea what is in some of the packages but our mission is clear, get the items to the drop box as safely and as quickly as possible. The secure location that has been selected today is (**fill in where the drop box is**). Please note that there are important boundaries that you must adhere to. (**let the recruits know where they can and cannot go**). Be very careful. We don't know who is for us or against us. Be bold! Be strong! Be sneaky! Any questions? Go carefully and secretly.



## Interpreting the Bible

### Interpreting the Bible (Jerome) (Card 1)

Just a few hundred years after Jesus had risen from the dead, some of the Bible was being written down in Greek. However, many of the normal folks couldn't read Greek, they were more familiar with Latin. So the Pope at the time, the leader of the Catholic Church, asked a man named Jerome if he could write it in Latin. Jerome did! He only wrote the Old Testament books but that took him about 20 years! Can you imagine? That's perseverance. But his perseverance obviously paid off because today, Wycliffe Bible Translators actually have a day that they celebrate called, Bible Translation Day in memory of Jerome! Thank you, Jerome.

(Resources used: <http://ancienthistory.about.com/od/earlychurch/g/Jerome.htm>; [www.wycliffe.org](http://www.wycliffe.org))

### Interpreting the Bible (The Printing Press) (Card 2)

A long time ago, in 1440 to be exact, a German named Johannes Guttenberg invented a printing press that allowed people to create books more than one at a time. Up until that time people had to write books by hand, a long and tiring process. So when the Guttenberg press was invented, the Bible could be printed for the average person to read. The first Bible made in this way was created in 1455. Even though this helped with the process each individual letter of the Bible had to be placed in order on a printing block in order for it to be written down. Not an easy task. Another story of sticking to it!

(Resource used: <http://www.ideafinder.com/history/inventions/printpress.htm>)

### Interpreting the Bible (Martin Luther) (Card 3)

While Jerome was known for translating the Old Testament into Latin, Martin Luther, who we heard about a minute ago in control central was known for translating the New Testament into German so that it too could become a more accessible book for everyone. This of course meant writing down each of the words of the New Testament. Luther started in November or December of 1521 and ended the next March, taking about four months. As soon as he was done he started in on the Old Testament, including the Psalms. Speaking of the Psalms, we're going to take a few minutes to see how we'd do writing down God's word. Just like the writers of the past I'm going to have you write down some of the Bible. We'll start with Psalm 118. I'll read up to verse nine and as I do you can write down what I am saying.

(Resource used: [www.bible-researcher.com/luther02.html](http://www.bible-researcher.com/luther02.html))

## Taking the Gospel to the World

### Card 1: The Bible League of Canada

The world is changing. We now have smart phones, cell phones, e-readers and computers. Many people in countries where they would be put in prison for having a Bible can now find it online. This is great for those who already know Jesus and can't use their Bible unless they want to be hurt or even killed. Although this can also be risky it is one way for them to secretly read God's truth. The digital Bible offers thousands of unlimited Bible versions and resources in many languages. This digital Bible can get to more people in the world. Thanks to the Bible League for partnering with others in this venture.

Please pray for the Bible League as they try to reach the world and encourage Christians who are being hurt for reading their Bibles.

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for missions like the Bible League who are seeking to get the Bible to people who are being hurt for reading them. We pray for protection over their project and over those who will read your word. We also pray that because of this technology many people will be saved. Thanks Lord. AMEN!

(Resource used: <https://bibleleague.ca/what-we-do/persecuted-church/>)

### Card 2: Open Doors and Brother Andrew

There was once a very brave missionary named Brother Andrew. He took Bibles to people who were living behind what was called the Iron Curtain. That's where people were not really allowed to communicate about Jesus and couldn't get Bibles easily at all. He often snuck Bibles into these countries, like the former Soviet Union using his little Volkswagon Beetle. As a result of Brother Andrew's work an organization called Open Doors was created. The desire of Open Doors Ministry is to get Bibles into countries where the Bible is not really accepted, places like China and the Middle East. On the Canadian website for Open Doors it says that the most important thing that they would like us to do is pray for persecuted Christians! The challenge us to pray for the Christians around the world who are being persecuted or hurt for their faith.

So let's pray.

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for Brother Andrew's courage to take your Word to places that were opposed to it. He could have been killed for sneaking the Bibles in. Thank you too for the ministry that he began, Open Doors. We pray that you would use this ministry to bring many more Bibles to places around the world like China and the Middle East where people don't easily get to read your truth. We pray that people would know Jesus because of what you are doing through Open Doors. AMEN!

(Resources used: [www.inspirationalchristians.org/evangelists/brother-andrew-biography/](http://www.inspirationalchristians.org/evangelists/brother-andrew-biography/); [www.opendoorsca.org](http://www.opendoorsca.org))

### Card 3: Wycliffe Bible Translators

Wycliffe Bible Translators have been translating the Bible into different languages now since 1942. You may remember John Wycliffe's name brought up by the Recon Team. Anyway, Wycliffe Translators has offered the translation of the Bible into many, many languages. That means that thousands of people are getting to know Jesus because the Bible is now printed in their own language. Wycliffe Translators are trying really hard to make the Bible easier to understand for religious groups such as Muslims who have their own very strong beliefs that do not agree with the Bible. We need to pray for wisdom for Wycliffe Bible translators and that many more will know and believe the word of God because it is written in their own language.

Dear Jesus,

Thanks so much for Wycliffe Bible translators and the ministry that they have. Please protect your workers as they seek to write so that more people will be able to know the Bible. Please guide them as they write Bibles for particular groups such as those living in Muslim countries. They need your wisdom. May many come to know Jesus because of what you do through Wycliffe. AMEN!

(Resources used: [www.wycliffe.org/about](http://www.wycliffe.org/about); [www.christianpost.com/news/wycliffe-bible-translators-receive-recommendations-for-muslim-context-95034](http://www.christianpost.com/news/wycliffe-bible-translators-receive-recommendations-for-muslim-context-95034))