

NoBible Sunday

Order of Service

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Part of:
An overview of running
a NoBibleSunday event

Option 1

Order of Service

Call to worship

For the Word of God became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us know Him and make Him known.

For you are the light of the world, shine in our hearts and through our lives.

Hymn**Opening Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus. We thank you for the Word of God that has come to us. Challenge us, Holy Spirit, that we might see your gospel brought to the very ends of the earth.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen

Confession (from Common Worship: Times and Seasons)

Let your faithful love come unto me, O Lord,
even your salvation, according to your promise:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon my path:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost;
O seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Your word convicts us:
all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Your word commands us:
 repent, and believe the good news.
 Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Your word assures us:
 Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
 Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Hymn

Reading/Video of reading

Sermon

Intercessory Prayer

Let us give thanks for the gift of the Bible and pray for all who enable it to be studied, understood, and loved.

Almighty God, in your goodness you have given us the Scriptures to equip us for every kind of good deed.

We give thanks for all who translate the Bible,
 and pray that, through their work and skill,
 your word may go forth to the ends of the earth.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

We give thanks for all who distribute the Scriptures,
 and pray that, through the written text,
 your people may be built up in faith and love.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

We give thanks for all whose learning interprets the Scriptures,
 and pray for biblical scholars and theologians,
 that more light and truth may break forth from your word.
 Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

We give thanks for all preachers and teachers,
and pray that, through the word proclaimed and shared,
your Church may grow in holiness and discipleship.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We give thanks for all who read the Bible in public worship,
for all study groups and training courses,
and pray that, through the study of the Scriptures,
your word may find a home in the hearts of your people.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Gracious Lord,
grant to us that loving your holy word,
we may adorn it with obedient and Christlike lives;
to the glory of your name.

Amen.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

Our Father

Hymn and collection of NoBibleSunday donation envelopes

Commissioning prayer

Heavenly Father, we join with thousands of others praying for the spread of your Word among the nations. As Jesus prayed before sending out the disciples we pray now that our words, actions and deeds will bring your Kingdom closer.

We pray for the Spirit to fill us with a renewed fervour for your Word, and that we might not take for granted the bible riches we enjoy in this country.

Stir us up Lord to see your Gospel reach all nations, and to find our part in praying, giving and going out to make disciples.

Amen

Conclusion and blessing

Give us, Lord, a fresh love for your Word, and a vision for bringing it to everyone, our neighbours through to the nations. Let us treasure the Scriptures, and store them up in our heart, as we remember those working across the world to bring them to everyone.

Father God, bless us today, that we might be a blessing to others, through Jesus Christ.

Amen

Option 2

Contemporary Order of Service

Contemporary church services tend to vary in structure far more so here are some suggested elements that could be part of your NoBibleSunday event which you can fit into your usual running order as needed.

Introduction

No Bible Sunday introduction - looking at the vital work of bible translation to evangelism and discipleship across the world

Video

No Bible Sunday introduction

Family segment

If a family service then use the children's work material here

Member Interview

If you have members of your church who work with Wycliffe you could interview them about what they do here.

Worship Notices

If offering usually taken here, consider saving for after the message

Scripture

Romans 10:9-15

Bible verses initially read out in a different language either by a member of the congregation or using the provided videos.

Message

See sermon based on the above passage

Prayer

Praying for members at the church involved in Bible translation or for those working overseas and those thinking of going

Collection

Use NoBibleSunday finance envelopes if desired

Closing

Worship and prayer



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