

NoBible Sunday

Introduction

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An overview of running
a NoBibleSunday event
and suggested material



Preparing for your NoBibleSunday

Thank you for your interest in promoting the work of Bible translation across the world by running a NoBibleSunday event at your church.

We have two objectives for our NoBibleSunday events.

The first is that by challenging what we take for granted, we hope that we can **encourage a renewed gratitude and passion for the word of God in our lives.**

And second, by **highlighting the desperate need for 1 in 5 people (that's over 1.5 billion people) across the world to have the word of God in their own language**, so that they might know for themselves the wonderful message of the gospel.

This pack contains all you should need to promote and run a successful event. It has been designed so that you can pick and choose the elements that will work for you and your congregation.

Pack contents:

- Introducing **NoBibleSunday**
- Preparing for **NoBibleSunday**
- Suggested hymns and songs
- Order of service (traditional)
- Order of service (contemporary)
- Stories/photos/videos
- Sermon suggestions
- All-age talk and children's activities





Introducing NoBibleSunday

It's so easy to take for granted having a Bible in our own language, but 1 in 5 people around the world don't have the full Bible in their first language.

NoBibleSunday is a campaign to raise awareness of the huge need that exists across the world, and to highlight the important part Bible translation plays in outreach, evangelism and positive social impact.

The resources in this pack are to help you run a service, or part of a service, that educates and challenges people on this topic in an engaging way.

Whether it's simply a few minutes watching one of our videos, or an entire service given over to it, we hope that your congregation will be challenged to pray, give and even go to this vital work.

Our hope is that **NoBibleSunday** will help your church members have a renewed sense of the value of God's word, and a new empathy for those who don't yet have access to it in their own language.

Please use the following materials however you feel they are most useful to your church.

If there's anything more we can help you with, our team will be delighted to answer any questions or point you to even more resources to suit your situation (contact details on page 5).



Preparing for NoBibleSunday

Timing

NoBibleSunday is a campaign that can run at any time of the year – whenever suits your church schedule.

Timetable

There are three stages building up to a **NoBibleSunday** event:

1. *Promotion* – this pack contains templates for posters, banners, notice sheet inserts, flyers and digital resources that can help you promote the event.
2. *Devotionals* – we have created a seven-day devotional series that you can download from wycliffe.org.uk/nobiblesunday and distribute to your church. This series will get your church members thinking and praying about the issues in the week leading up to your **NoBibleSunday**. While we think they would work best in the days leading up to your event, they could just as easily be used as a follow-up activity.
3. *Event materials* – one of the goals for a **NoBibleSunday** event is to help the church empathise with what it must be like not to have Scripture in your own language, and so be motivated into helping others in that situation.

We have created a variety of resources to help you with that message, from prayer points, orders of service and sermon ideas, through to videos, slides, stories and images.

The primary method we suggest for creating this empathy is for the service Bible passage to be read out in a language most of the church will NOT understand.

It would be great to get a church member who is fluent in another language to do this or use one of the resources provided in the resource pack.





Suggested hymns and songs

Ancient words

(Lynn DeShazo, ©2001 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

10,000 reasons (Bless the Lord)

(Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman, ©2011 Thankyou Music, Atlas Mountain Songs)

Here for you

(Jesse Reeves, Matt Maher, Matt Redman, Tim Wanstall, ©2011 Chrysalis Music Ltd, sixsteps Music, Thankyou Music, Valley of Songs Music, worshiptogether.com songs)

Cornerstone

(Edward Mote, Eric Liljero, Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, William Batchelder Bradbury, ©2011 Hillsong Music Publishing)

Every promise

(Keith Getty, Stuart Townend, ©2005 Thankyou Music)

This I believe (The Creed)

(Ben Fielding, Matt Crocker, ©2014 Hillsong Music Publishing)

Turn your eyes upon Jesus

(Helen H Lemmel. Words: 1922, renewed 1950 New Spring. Music: Musicnotes)

Reading

Romans 10:9–15

Children's songs

God's awesome rescue plan

(Chip Kendall, Keith Reid, Tim Gosden, ©2017 Audacious Publishing, Tim Gosden. Remaining portion is unaffiliated)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nE3u-xU0MBIw>

Have you got an appetite

(Mick Gisbey, ©1985 Thankyou Music)

