

Bishop's Bible Treasure Challenge

For Primary Schools and Churches

**Children aged 7 – 11 years
(School years 3-6)**



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Dear teachers and church leaders,

Following on from the success of the Bishop's Bible Challenge in 2017, the Bishop's Bible Treasure Challenge is being launched for the academic year 2018/19. The aim of the challenge is to encourage children to continue to explore the New Testament, and links in with the Diocesan Year of Discipleship in 2019.

Children will be set eight activity sheets - a new sheet will be made available each month from October to May. For each completed activity sheet, a coin sticker will be awarded which should be stuck on the Bible Lands Map illustrated especially for us by artist Si Smith.

The children who complete all eight challenges will be given a special Bishop's Bible Treasure Challenge Certificate before the end of the summer term in 2019.

If you have a group of children who would like to participate in the Bishop's Bible Treasure Challenge, read on for more details!

Firstly, please complete and return the registration form. You will need to do this so we can send you a 'Challenge Pack' for each child. This contains a cover sheet, strip of coin stickers and a plastic wallet to keep everything together.

Secondly, you will need to appoint a 'Challenge Checker'. The 'Challenge Checker' must be responsible for the children's stickers. They should ensure that each child has completed the activities each month before awarding a coin sticker for their maps.

Details of the challenge for the month will be available on the Board of Education website. Please print a copy of the challenge sheet for each child and allow your group time to complete the tasks. As well as the activity that they **must** complete, you will find extra ideas that will help the children to find out more. You will need to provide (or ask the children to bring) a notebook which will be their journal—there's no need to go to a lot of expense with this. A small exercise book, or even a dozen pieces of A4 paper stapled together to make a booklet would work just fine. The children's work can be stored in their 'Challenge Pack' to keep everything together.

Don't worry if you want to join in the fun but have missed some months. The previous month's tasks will still be available to download so you can catch up on the activities that you have missed - the children just need to be able to complete all eight challenges to collect the stickers. However, we would recommend that you spread the activities out over the year.

Please note, instructions for each challenge have been written for the participating children to work on individually. You may like to work on some aspects of the tasks as a group. This is up to you, however please make sure that each child has engaged with the activity before awarding the sticker.

At the end of May 2019, we will ask you for a list of names of the children that have completed all 8 activities, so we can send you their certificates before the end of term. It's as easy as that!

We hope this tells you everything you need to know, however if you would like any further information about the Bishop's Bible Treasure Challenge, please contact me on 01254 503405 or email sarah.earnshaw@blackburn.anglican.org

Best wishes

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