

the table is set

BIBLE SUNDAY 2018

Welcome to Bible Sunday 2018 You are Invited

This year I invite you to be part of Bible Sunday. This resource pack has been put together so that you and your church community can focus on the Bible in a different way than on other Sundays. I invite you to join with us as we think about others and how they access the Bible.

'The Table is Set' conjures up lots of thoughts, ideas and feelings for me. It makes me think about an invitation to gather around a table to eat, share and enjoy the company of others. It also reminds me that someone else has gone to the effort of getting ready for my arrival, that they care about how I feel and they have demonstrated attention to detail and generosity so that I enjoy the experience of gathering around their table. However, I need to respond to the invitation, my yes is what makes the difference.

Our mission statement at the Bible Society in Northern Ireland is 'to reach everyone with God's Word'. Around the world Bible Societies work hard to make the Bible available to all – in the right language, in the right format and at a price that is affordable. We have a generous God who wants to speak to us through His Word and His invitation is clear, how we respond is our choice.

As you explore this resource and plan how you use it in your setting think about the many invitations that we send and respond to.

This invitation from us at Bible Society in Northern Ireland, is that you promote the Bible and access to it in your Sunday service or gathering. We have put together lots of elements that you can take and use or adapt - stories from a Bible project in Peru that share about the spiritual and physical food that are making a difference to children, information sheets, sermon notes and a talk for the children in your church. Do let us know what you thought of this resource and how else we can encourage your support of our Bible mission work.



Every blessing,

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