



Buried Treasure?

Unearth God's riches this Bible Sunday

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Rediscover the Bible's treasures

You know what it's like to find a surprise £10 note in your wallet that you'd forgotten was there, or to rediscover an old card from a loved one that makes you smile.

You know what it's like to find treasure.

But in our church, we'll soon be rediscovering a different kind of treasure – God's Word. When we celebrate Bible Sunday, on (insert date) at (insert time), we'll be unearthing the riches of the Bible once more, in order to know God better and live his way.

So get ready for an exciting and creative event – thanks to a treasure trove of resources provided by Bible Society.

At the heart of it all is Psalm 119, the longest Psalm in the Bible and a celebration of God's words and Scriptures. In it, we'll read about the Psalmist's excitement about God's law. It's as if he's discovered treasure! So on Bible Sunday we'll be invited to unearth this treasure for ourselves, bury it in our hearts – and share it with others.

There are two ways to share the treasure this year.

One is to take part in Bible Monday – Bible Society's Take Your Bible to Work Day – the day after Bible Sunday. Get God on your iPod and listen to an audio Bible on the bus, read Matthew instead of the Metro, or stick a post-it verse on your computer. However you do it, take your Bible with you!

The other way we can share God's riches is to use our gifts to help children and young people all over the world unlock the Bible's treasure for themselves. This year, our gifts will provide Bibles for children – like those in Jamaica's Sidewalk Sunday Schools.

By bringing the hope of Scripture to young people affected by guns, gangs and violent crime, we can play a part in Bible Society's mission to see lives and communities transformed by the Bible's inspiration, revelation and wisdom.

'What's important is that the children realise they are somebody,' said Courtney Stewart, General Secretary of the Bible Society of the West Indies. 'They have worth and value. The drugs and violence, the criminal behaviour, is not the only option. There's another way – a way of hope.'

'It's by engaging with the Scriptures that the scales will fall from their eyes. Their way leads to death. You don't need to view your life span as just 23 years. You don't need to become pregnant aged 13. The Word of God speaks of hope.'

So don't miss this year's Bible Sunday. Don't pass up the chance to unearth the Bible's riches for yourself – and don't miss the opportunity to help young people around the world discover the Bible's life-changing message.

