

Christian Mobile library for schools & churches...

What is the Christian book club?

This mobile library is an opportunity to share books with a Christian theme with children of primary age.

This could be offered to schools through church volunteers who will run this club, maybe for half a term, with a group of children selected by the school.

This booklet tells you:

- **Why run a bookclub?**
- **How it works**
- **How a volunteer can run the book club**
- **An outline of a session**

Download resources at:

www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/aboutus/places/places-noshow/children-and-youth-library.php

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Why run a Christian book club?

- **Reading Christian books can help children explore their own beliefs.**
- **Books give a good framework for children to ask questions and express their beliefs and values.**
- **The book club gives space for children to talk about the books with their peers.**
- **Reading helps children understand the world around them.**

Other great reasons to run a book club:

- **Reading for pleasure can nurture a life-long love of reading.**
- **Supports attainment through reading for pleasure.**
- **Reading books and exploring them together develops communication skills...and increases confidence!**

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How it works...

This is what a volunteer could do...

- **The volunteer arrives with a selection of books suitable for primary school ages.**
- **The volunteer runs the book club weekly (perhaps for a half-term) with a group of children selected by the school.**
- **The children select a book at the book club each week; the volunteer checks out the book on the borrowing record sheet.**
- **The volunteer gives each child a bookmark that encourages them to look for treasure. They can read the book with family or on their own.**
- **In the following session, the volunteer welcomes the children back with their books. Children are encouraged to share what treasure they found. They rate their book in their book record held by the volunteer.**
- **At the last session, the group celebrates their success with a certificate and they take their reading record home.**

Some children may want to repeat the club to get the silver and gold certificates.

Here are some ideas of books that you can borrow from Bouverie Court Library...www.librarycat.org/lib/Bouverie/search/text/book+club

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Suggested session outline...

- 1. Welcome children (if this is the 1st session, the volunteer settles the children in a circle, shows them examples of books and sets the challenge. The volunteer explains that the children can read their book at home with family or alone and come ready to talk about their book at the next session.**
- 2. Once the children are settled in a circle with their books, ask each child:**
 - a. What did you like/not like about the book?**
 - b. Did you find any treasure? (e.g. something new that you didn't know before, or have a question?)**
- 3. Children rate their books in their book records (which stays with the volunteer until finished) and choose another book.**
- 4. The volunteer checks in the returned book and checks out the new book on the borrowing record sheet.**

We would love to hear about your experience of the book club and children's reviews of what they have read.

You can get in touch by contacting the administrator

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