

THE 2026 SCHOOLS BIBLE PROJECT

**A creative project
to help school
pupils explore the
role of Christianity
in Britain**



The Christian faith has shaped the laws, culture and traditions of Britain for all of our recorded history: the words we use, the names of our towns and cities, the way we think about one another, our understanding of the importance of human life, are all deeply bound up with the Christian faith.

Christianity is centred on the idea of the Trinity: one God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Christians teach that God himself, in the person of Jesus Christ, once lived here on earth, died on the Cross and rose again, and that this is the central event of all human history. In the 2026 Schools Bible Project, pupils are invited to find out about Jesus Christ by studying the Gospels.

Project details and prizes overleaf

Students are invited to imagine themselves actually present at an event in one of the Gospels and to write about it.

The main prizewinners come to London with their teachers and families for a TOUR OF WESTMINSTER ABBEY and TEA AT WESTMINSTER to receive their prizes with all travel costs to London for winning pupils, their parents and/or teacher paid by Christian Projects.

There are cash prizes for the schools:

- £500 1st prize,
- £250 2nd prize,
- £150 3rd prize,
- £100 4th prize,

plus individual book prizes for the pupils. A large number of runner-up prizes are also awarded.



Students should choose one of these incidents in the life of Christ, look up the relevant Scripture references and then write an account of the incident as if they had actually been present. Maximum 4 sides of A4, **hand-written only**.

Here are the New Testament incidents from which to choose:

- **Christ turns water into wine at a wedding.** John 2:1-12. *Is it significant that this took place "on the third day"?*
- **Christ calms the storm at sea.** Mark 4: 35-41. *The Apostles asked "Who is this man, that even the winds and sea obey him?"*
- **Christ heals a man with leprosy.** Luke 5:12-16 *"Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."*
- **Christ feeds the 5,000.** John 6: 1-14
The crowd was hungry, having followed him for hours. What happened?
- **The Last Supper.** Matthew 26:26-30; Luke 22: 14-23. *Christ told his apostles to "Do this in memory of me". Have you seen it done, in a local church?*
- **The Resurrection and the road to Emmaus.** Luke 24:1-33. *...but after encountering the man, and hearing the Scriptures from him, they then discovered who He was when he broke bread.*

HOW TO ENTER

1. The project is open to all pupils in years 7-11 (key stages 3 and 4) inclusive.
2. Essays must be **HANDWRITTEN** and be no more than 4 sides of A4 in length.
3. Entries should be collected together and sent to:
Schools Bible Project 2026
Cabrin House,
2 Honor Oak Rise, London SE23 3QY
4. We are unable to accept entries by email.
5. Deadline for entries: June 30th 2026. All the entries will be read and the results announced to schools in the Autumn term 2026. In addition to the main prizes listed above, a large number of book prizes will be sent to schools.

Christian Projects is an ecumenical Christian charity bringing together members of mainstream Christian denominations in Britain. The Schools Bible Project has been running annually since 1989.

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