



## Switch on: the real life of 10-14s

The Bible is a remarkable book but your young person may not realise what a privilege it is having access to one.

Around 200 million persecuted Christians are currently living under restriction for their faith in Jesus and most don't even have their own copy of the Bible.

Plus there are still over 300 million people around the world, speaking 2,000 different languages that don't have access to the Bible, as it's not available in their language.

## Rewind: Meet Brother Andrew

Research on the internet or use the book, *God's Smuggler*, which explains the story of Brother Andrew, and share it with your young people. He started a charity, called Open Doors, which distributes Bibles to persecuted/forgotten Christians.

Charity Open Doors are currently offering a copy of this book for free at <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/resources/gods-smuggler-welcome/?res=gods&campid=DA1801/WB3>

## Play: Get researching

Encourage your young person to research a charity, like Open Doors or Good News for Everyone (formerly known as the GideonsUK), that work to share Bibles and/or the Christian message of hope with people both in this country and abroad many of whom struggle to access Bibles or who are targeted for their faith. Encourage them to produce a poster about what they've learnt.

## Pause: Send hope

Get your young person to write an encouraging letter to someone who knows the cost of following Jesus, via Open Doors' letter writing scheme. You can read all about it at <https://opendoorsyouth.org/do-something/send-hope-write-a-letter/>

## Fast forward: Make some money

Why not encourage your young people to hold a fundraising event to support the work of a charity like Open Doors or the Biblefresh Burkina Faso project?

They could organise a sponsored Bible reading – perhaps getting other people to join in and aiming for someone to be reading out loud from the Bible for a certain number of hours.

Or they could host a coffee morning where they could share the research they've been doing.



## Switch off: Connect

Buy a world map for your noticeboard and get the young people to indicate on it countries where Christians are being persecuted for their faith.