



# NO BIBLE SUNDAY?

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## Drama resource

# Delivering God's letter!

### **Description:**

A drama.

### **Aim:**

Help people to understand some of the main obstacles to people using the Bible.

### **What's needed:**

Four actors, large envelope, small Bible, a book and signs as shown below.

### **Time:**

8 minutes

### **Script:**

**Narrator:** How many of you like to get a letter, containing good news? *(pause)* So do I. Maybe it could be the news that a relative has had a new baby. Or that someone you know has got a good job. Or perhaps someone has even sent you money! But what if someone had written you a very important letter, one dealing with a matter of life and death, and you never received it? Let's think about a letter for a moment. *(Show big envelope)* What does it take to make a letter work? You need someone to write it...

**Writer/God:** Good morning!

**Narrator:** Someone to receive it...

**Receiver:** Good morning!

**Narrator:** And someone to deliver it.

**Postman:** Good morning. I am your postman!

**Narrator:** What could be easier? But suppose that God is the one who wrote the letter...

**Writer/God:** For I so loved the world that I gave my only son, that everyone who believes in him will be saved!

**Narrator:** And suppose that the person waiting for it never gets it?

**Receiver:** Well I guess I will just have to remain in darkness.

**Narrator:** That would be awful. This person is doomed to die unless someone delivers God's letter. Can anyone guess what that letter is called? *(pause to take answers from congregation until one suggests the Bible)* That is right. This letter is the Holy Bible. *(hold up a Bible and then put Bible into the big envelope)* It contains everything that God knows we need to believe in him, to grow close to him, and even to help bring others to him. And God wants this important message delivered to everyone. *(hand Bible in envelope to person One: God)* In this parable, who do you think the postman represents? Whose job is it to see that God's message is delivered? *(pause to take answers from the congregation. If need be, guide their*

answers towards the right answer: the Church. If they are suggesting individual people, like the pastor or the evangelist, ask where you find these kind of people. If you don't get the answer within 4 tries or so, provide the right answer and continue) The postman represents the Church. But who is the Church? The Church is made up of us; you and me. In Acts 1:9 Jesus said:

**Writer/God:** You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

**Narrator:** We are the ones God has left with the responsibility of delivering his letter, his words, to the whole world!

**Writer/God:** *(hand envelope with Bible to Postman)*

**Narrator:** God has trusted the Church, and no one else, with his life-giving and life-changing message. So what can stop the Bible, God's letter, from getting from him to those who need it? First, we can become distracted and forget it is our job to deliver the letter.

**Postman:** *(as Narrator says the next section, the Postman should first start to walk toward Receiver with the letter. Then they should put the letter down, look distracted and begin reading a book. Narrator should allow time for Postman to move around)*

**Narrator:** I am not saying it is wrong to spend time watching TV, or cleaning the house, or going to work. But if we ONLY do these things, and forget to deliver God's messages to those who need them, then we have failed in the job God has given us. Secondly, what if we are faithful, and we deliver the letter, but something goes wrong?

**Postman:** *(Postman suddenly remembers letter, picks it up, and goes over to Receiver and delivers the letter)*

**Receiver:** *(open the envelope, take out the Bible, open it to read it and say...)* Hey! I can't read this! What language is this, anyway? It doesn't do me any good to have a book in a language I don't understand. *(put the Bible back into the envelope and hands it back to Postman)*

**Narrator:** That's right. If a letter is written in a language you don't understand, like Chinese or Arabic, it cannot do you any good, can it? So we need to give people God's words in the language they understand best. God is a personal God, and he wants to speak to everyone in a very personal way. But something else can go wrong.

**Postman:** *(Postman should go over to Receiver, redeliver the letter and say)* Here -- it is in your own language this time.

**Receiver:** *(open the envelope, take out the Bible, open it to read it and say...)* Hey, I still can't read this! It may be in my language now, but I don't know HOW to read!

**Narrator:** So sometimes our postman can't just deliver the letter and leave. Many people around the world have never had the chance to learn to read and write, like we have. In those cases, the postman may need to stay and teach them how to use the letter. *(take envelope and Bible from Receiver)*

**Narrator:** The next time you open God's letter, remember to tell him thank you. Thank him that he wrote it in the first place. Thank him that he had someone deliver it to us. And thank him that we know how to read it. Enjoy God's letter!