



# NO BIBLE SUNDAY?

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## Wait until you hear this!

### Description:

Scripture reading in a foreign language.

### Aim:

Help people to experience what it is like to not be able to understand the Bible.

### What's needed:

Confident speaker of another language and Scripture in that language.

### Time:

3 minutes

### Instructions:

1. In advance, find someone who speaks a language other than English and is willing to read a section of Scripture in that language.
2. At the appropriate time in the service introduce this person with: "We will now have a very important message brought to us by (name)."
3. The reader comes to the front and says, "I am really excited to have the chance to share this today. I have something very important to tell you. In fact, I have a message for you from God! Wait until you hear this!"
4. The reader should open their Bible with a flourish, pause for a moment and then begin reading the Bible in the foreign language.
5. After reading for a minute or so, the reader should close the Bible and say, "Wasn't that inspirational? Isn't it great that God wants us to know things like this?"
6. The reader should then leave and you proceed to the next part of your service.

### Optional ways to adapt this idea:

- **Use a language spoken by people in your local community:** if there is a large population of people from another part of the world in your area, why not invite one of them in to do this reading. What a great way to get a visitor into your church!
- **Use a language spoken by a person in your church who comes from another country:** by using their mother-tongue you will be highlighting the variety within your body and probably make the reader feel very special.
- **Use a language that your church has ministry links with:** if you support a missionary in another part of the world, you could get them to send a reading on tape in the language that they use overseas. Do an introduction similar to the one above except play up the fact that this is a special message from someone they know and love. After the recording, point out that the Bible is a special message from someone who knows and loves us too. Except it is much worse to not be able to understand a message from God!