

# Open the Book/ICE Torbay Newsletter October 2016, Issue 16



Throughout Autumn Term, children in primary schools across Torbay have continued to enjoy our **ICE Lunch Clubs**.

We plan to offer our clubs to several more primary schools after the Christmas holiday, and feel confident that there remains quite a demand for what we offer. The clubs allow children to enjoy 30 to 45 minutes of games, drama, video clips, crafts, exciting activities and much more!

During Autumn Term our clubs have been based on the theme of **'Bible Heroes'**, and so far this term we have looked at, Abraham, Ruth and King David. The clubs continue to prove very popular with primary school children across all year groups, (from Year 1 to Year 6), and are great fun! During the second half of Autumn Term, we plan to continue with the Bible Heroes theme, along with a one-off session relating to creation. We will finish the term with an exciting Christmas session. The children continue to enjoy the sweets (where allowed), and Christian stickers & small Christian gifts which we sometimes provide.



The session on **Abraham**, enabled the children to learn how, 'Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness'. (Genesis 15:6). This also gave us the opportunity to talk with the children about the similarity between this verse and the meaning of the very well know verse in the Bible 'John 3:16'. The children really enjoyed the craft activity during this session; colouring and cutting out an 'Abraham', then gluing him along with the grass and stars onto some black card. They also glued the two Bible verses, (Genesis 15:6 and John 3:16) onto the back of the card. The children like to take home their crafts to keep.



During the session on **King David** the children watched a very funny video about David & Goliath which they really enjoyed, along with playing plenty of games. They also enjoyed learning about **Ruth** and made some very smart looking bookmarks.

**Creation** - This is a one-off session which we plan to run at a couple of schools during November. Children will learn about how God created the world in six days then rested on the seventh. To help them remember what they learn during the session, they will make a creation wheel (using white card and a split pin).



I'm sure these will go down well!



**Open the Book** - There are now 15 Open the Book teams in Torbay, with more schools asking for teams to start. There are also 9 teams in the South Hams, and 1 in Teignbridge. For more information about Open the Book, visit their website: [www.openthebook.net](http://www.openthebook.net)

## Getting involved

### Job Vacancy:

South Devon Evangelical Trust currently has a vacancy for a Part-Time Christian Schools Worker for 'ICE Torbay'. The primary responsibility for the post holder will be to organise and run lunchtime clubs within primary schools across Torbay. The hours of work will be approximately 15 hours per week, to be worked over three days, (Tuesday to Thursday). For further details, or to apply for this position please email Graham Massey (massey.graham@gmail.com)

### Volunteering:

There is a high demand from primary schools for the clubs that we offer, but it is only possible to meet this demand if we have sufficient volunteers. If you would like to be involved in helping with lunch clubs, please contact us on the details below for more information. If you could spare about an hour every fortnight or even every four weeks (during school term-time) we would love to hear from you.



## Support

There are three main ways in which you can support the local primary schools work:

**Practical:** Open the Book storytellers & ICE Torbay volunteers are needed across the local area. If you would like to be involved in any way, please contact us for more information.

**Financial:** The work of Open the Book Torbay & ICE Torbay is funded by South Devon Evangelical Trust, and your financial support, whether as a one off donation or a regular gift is vital for the work to continue. Gift Aid forms are available.

**Spiritual:** Please pray for the work of Open the Book and ICE Torbay & sign up to receive the monthly prayer diary.

## Prayer

- Pray that God will bring forward a suitable person for our current job vacancy.
- Thank God for all of the dedicated and talented volunteers who regularly go into primary schools, to help with 'Open the Book' or our lunch clubs, (along with various other activities over the year). Pray that God will continue to provide suitable volunteers in line with our needs.
- Thank God for the various opportunities that He has opened up in primary schools, and pray that He will continue to grow our lunch clubs, and continue to equip us with the skills and resources to run these clubs well.
- Pray for Exeter ICE, and ICE partnerships in Ilfracombe, Dawlish & Exmouth.
- Pray for the ICE Awards (organised by ICE Exeter), due to take place in on 11th November.



**Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.**  
**Colossians 4:2**

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