

# THE METHOD



*for resourcing your ministry*

## Social Media Bible Stories

*Various readings*

**Themes:** Bible stories, creativity, social media, retelling

**Summary:** Social media dominates the way in which young people connect today. This activity is a simple, but effective and creative exercise, utilizing young people's technical ability whilst giving a creative spin on scripture in doing so.

Often young people early in their faith journey need to find practical ways to see scripture and stories of the Bible come to life. This is a simple and relevant way to do so, whilst will also leave you impressed with the different levels of creativity and interpretation on show.

*An example of this resource can be found at the link you've downloaded this resource from.*

**How to use:** This resource is merely a guide. If you wish to use in its delivered form entirely, feel free to do so. If you wish to add, omit or edit anything, feel free to do so. It is intended to be a guide and provide some assistance in prep time for busy youth ministry leaders. For more info and resources like this, please visit [www.missionresourcing.org.nz/youth](http://www.missionresourcing.org.nz/youth)

### Equipment needed:

Bible
Phones – with internet access
Projector or TV (for viewing)
Laptop

1. Form 2 or more groups – no more than 3-4 in a group
2. Either assign each group a different Bible passage OR give each group the same Bible passage. These can either be done at random or be a passage that relates to the theme of the session. Some examples of passages that may be used are below.
  - Noah's Ark (Genesis 6)
  - Moses parts the red sea (Exodus 14)
  - David vs. Goliath (1 Samuel 17)

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- Jonah swallowed by the fish (Jonah 1)
    - Any of Jesus' miracles (Gospels)
  - The Easter story – between Palm Sunday and the Resurrection (Gospels)
    - Paul on the road to Damascus (Acts 9)
3. Once readings have been assigned, each group must take the story and retell using 10x10 second Instagram story slides.

*If you're unaware of what an IG story is, you can get the gist of it on videos found at [THIS LINK](#). That being said, it is most likely that youth group will already know what to do! If no one in group has IG or Social media, using normal camera recording function on phone will do as well.*

4. Give a reasonable amount of time for this activity to be done, perhaps 20-30 minutes.
5. Each group must send/export/airdrop to you and will be shown for everyone to watch at the end of the session, either on a screen or projector.



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