This scheme of lesson plans and assemblies has been written to accompany Bible Society’s *Hear My Cry* publication. It’s a book of readings, stories from the trenches and Psalms that is particularly designed for use by schools visiting the War Graves.

This scheme would be equally at home in a Religious Studies, History, PSHE or tutor time environment. It begins with an assembly to start students reflecting on the events of 100 years ago.

It also tells the stories of teenage soldiers, not much different in age from the students themselves.

It helps the students to understand how different society was in 1915 and why, therefore, the Bible was the most precious and best-read book at the Front.

Between 1914-1918 Bible Society printed some 8 million Bibles in 75 languages and distributed them across the war zone. Every British soldier, sailor and airman got a copy.

As 25-29% of Britons attended church every week, and 90 per cent of children went to Sunday School, reading the Bible was a normal part of daily life.

The lesson plans look at why the world went to war, what war was like for those who fought and if violence can ever be right. The assembly looks at the idea of self-sacrifice, which, in a strongly Christian population in Britain was understood through the prism of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross.

Please visit and share the Secondary School resources at: [www.WorldWar1Bible.com/schools](http://www.WorldWar1Bible.com/schools)

All resources are free of charge. They include the following:

- lesson plans for Secondary School teachers preparing to take students to the War Graves
- links to moving stories of teenage soldiers who fought in World War 1
- online videos explaining the role of the Bible in society and what it meant to individuals
- and the chance to buy *Hear My Cry*, a great schools’ resource, for just £2.50 when buying 25 copies [www.biblesociety.org.uk/hearmycry](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/hearmycry)