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POSTAL BIBLE SCHOOL IS IN THE NEWS

A BBC News Article carries the following story:

A Jersey church group has come up with an original solution to the problem of falling numbers at the island's Sunday schools.

Children could soon be taught about the Bible through a new postal scheme. The postal bible school is being launched by the Belmont Road Gospel Hall to try to increase the number of people involved in bible studies.

It comes as an exhibition aimed at teaching schoolchildren about the Bible and now comes to the island of Jersey for the first time.

Worksheets marked

Steve Harzo, one of the exhibition's organizers, said the concept of the scheme is very simple.

"It's an opportunity for children, and adults as well, to do bible lessons in the comfort of their own home," he said. "It's a completely free service, they just apply to us to join the postal bible school, and they would fill in the sheets each month and send them back to us."

The worksheets are then marked and returned. It is hoped the free scheme could be in place within the next couple of months.

Story from BBC NEWS

Now this service is not just for the British though it began there and functions there still! It is available to all North America as well. PBS is headquartered in Portage La Prairie and Peter Smith heads up this great work which involves many helpers. It is intended for reaching those who are outside of the normal regions where Sunday Schools are available. TEACHERS should keep this in mind as it seems especially good for following up those students who once attended and have moved out the local area. Further Information available: contact Peter at pbs@characterlink.net



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WHO WAS THAT?

After hearing the Christmas Story, and singing "Silent Night" - a Sunday School Class in Sao Paulo was asked to draw what they thought it all looked like.

One boy drew a good likeness of Joseph, Mary and the Infant, but off to the side was a roly-poly figure.

The teacher, afraid that he had somehow worked Santa Claus in to the scene asked him who that was. She wasn't sure whether she was relieved or even more worried when the boy responded, "Oh, that's Round John Virgin!"