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TRINITARIAN BIBLE SOCIETY

QUIZ
Junior Section

Suggested age range 7-11 years; parents and teachers, please feel free to assign whichever version of the quiz you think most appropriate for your child.

Children might find information in several of our publications useful in answering these questions.


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To answer the questions for this quiz you will need someone to help you find out about William Tyndale’s life, or perhaps you could read a book for yourself about him. You will receive a prize if you return your quiz to your local TBS office for marking before 31 December 2019 and get the answers right. Please see the end of the quiz for more information.

Have you ever wondered why the Trinitarian Bible Society in London have called their headquarters ‘William Tyndale House’? When you have completed this quiz, I hope you will be able to answer this question for yourself (question 20).

You will find that there are several ‘envelopes’ for you to address to key figures in the story. You need to give as much information as you can so the postman can find the right person! If you can, fill in the name, occupation, street, city and country. You may find you do not have all the information required in some cases.
1. Very little is known about William Tyndale’s early life, but can you fill in the missing letters to spell out the county in England where he was born?

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2. At a very young age he went to University. Unjumble the letters to find out which one.

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3. After spending ten years at this university, William Tyndale had mastered seven languages. Can you circle these languages? Then underline IN RED the two languages that would be vital for him to know when translating the Scriptures later on in his life.

   HEBREW  FRENCH  LATIN  SPANISH  SWEDISH

   ENGLISH  RUSSIAN  ITALIAN  GREEK

4. Tyndale then moved to the University of Cambridge where a very important man called Erasmus had taught. He also met some other Godly men who had a great influence on him. Can you match their Christian name with their surname?

   HUGH   FRITH
   MILES  RIDLEY
   THOMAS LATIMER
   JOHN  COVERDALE
   NICHOLAS BILNEY

5. After university in 1521 William Tyndale returned to his native county of Gloucestershire to become a tutor to some children. Can you address the envelope below to their father?
6. During this period Tyndale spent a lot of time studying the Scriptures and often spoke to men who visited the house where he lived. It became his burning desire to translate the Bible into English so the ordinary people could read and understand it. One day a visiting priest came to dine and argued with Tyndale. The priest declared that he thought that the Pope’s laws were above God’s laws. To find out Tyndale’s reply, fill in the missing words from those listed below.

‘If God spares my __ __ __, ere many __ __ __ I will take __ __ __ that a
__ __ __ __ boy shall know more of the __ __ __ __ __ __ __ than you do.’

PLOUGH        LIFE        YEARS      SCRIPTURES      CARE

7. It was now dangerous for Tyndale to stay in Gloucestshire so he left for London. Please circle the correct year. Was it...

1523               1536             1540

8. He went to stay with a Godly merchant in London. Can you address the envelope below to this merchant?
9. At this time in England, many of the priests could not read the Bible for themselves, as the Bible was only available to them in Latin. The Bible was an illegal book. If anyone wanted to own or read any part of the Bible in English they needed to get a licence from the bishop.

To whom did Tyndale apply for permission to translate the Scriptures into English?

10. Tyndale was refused the licence, so he knew he had to leave England forever to complete his translation work of the Bible without breaking the law of the land. Can you address the envelope below to the printer who would help him in Cologne?

11. When his work was discovered in 1525, Tyndale had to flee up the River Rhine to continue the work. Another printer became involved in this work. Can you address the next envelope to him?
12. Can you draw three pictures to show three different ways in which the Bibles were smuggled into England?

13. The Roman Catholic Church hated these English Bibles and tried to destroy them. How did they do this? Cross out the false statements.

- They threw them in the river Thames
- They sent them back to Europe
- They burned them in public

14. Tyndale became a wanted man and had to travel around in secret. Eventually he found somewhere to stay. Address this envelope to the owner of the house.
15. A trap was laid to capture William Tyndale. A man called Henry Phillips pretended to become a friend to him. When Tyndale was out of the safety of his home he was captured through the efforts of Phillips and taken to prison. Address the next envelope to Tyndale in the prison.

Dear Sir,

Please can you bring me...

Signed

William Tyndale

16. Tyndale was held a prisoner for over a year. He wrote a final letter asking for some things that he needed. This time you need to address the envelope to the person to whom he wrote and also you need to write a list of the things that he asked for.

Dear Sir,

Please can you bring me...

Signed

William Tyndale
17. At the end of July 1536 Tyndale was condemned as a heretic and on 6 September 1536 was led out to his death. He was strangled and then burnt to death. His last prayer was amazingly answered. What was this prayer?

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18. The Lord wonderfully answered the dying prayer of this most Godly man. Can you describe what King Henry VIII did within a few months of Tyndale’s death?

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19. Can you name three places where a monument to William Tyndale still stands today?

1. __________________________________________

2. __________________________________________

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20. So, why do you think the Trinitarian Bible Society have named their International Headquarters in London after William Tyndale?

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A large part of the Authorised (King James) Version of the Bible is based on the work of this gracious man, William Tyndale, whom God raised up to accomplish this great work. Tyndale gave up everything to commit himself to translating the Bible. He had no wife or family, no home or comfort. He even left his own country.

The Trinitarian Bible Society are still involved in the work of translating the Scriptures into different languages today as there are still people around the world who do not have a Bible in their own tongue.
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Please send me a hardback Royal Ruby Text Bible in the Authorised (King James) Version in:

- [ ] Black
- [ ] Blue
- [ ] Red

Or, please send a Bible on my behalf to someone who needs one in:

- [ ] Romania
- [ ] Russia
- [ ] or Zimbabwe

This offer is valid until 31 December 2019.

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