



Biblical Mission for Youth and Young Adults
GOD'S WORD COMES TO LIFE IN YOUNG PEOPLE

Guide to Using the Resources for the Biblical Mission

This document presents the publications and resources that are offered to facilitate the implementation of the Biblical Mission for Youth and Young Adults, “God’s Word Comes to Life in Young People.” It is divided into eight sections and includes a brief presentation on how to use each of the resources:

- Resources for getting to know and promoting the Biblical Mission
- Resources for planning the Biblical Mission
- Bible and publications for the Biblical Mission
- Resources for training the young missionaries
- Audiovisual resources
- Clip art gallery
- Evaluations and final report
- Websites of the Biblical Mission



RESOURCES FOR GETTING TO KNOW AND PROMOTING THE BIBLICAL MISSION

1. Flyers

There are two flyers to introduce the Biblical Mission. The upper part of the front page includes a blank space for the name of the institution organizing the Biblical Mission:

- **One-page flyer:** Letter size; presents the key elements of the Biblical Mission.
- **Detailed flyer:** Tabloid size; in addition to the key elements, it presents the themes, organizing centers, and an outline of the process for its implementation.

2. Posters

There are two types of posters to be placed in strategic areas of churches, schools, retreat centers, and other appropriate locations:

- **Inspirational poster:** designed as a promotional tool to motivate young people to participate, it comes in three sizes: poster size, 11x17, and letter size.



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- **Informative poster:** contains a large section in the middle to fill in specific information about the place, dates, and times the Biblical Mission will take place. It is offered in the same three sizes as the inspirational poster.

3. PowerPoint presentation

The PowerPoint presentation serves to assist organizers and trainers in explaining the Biblical Mission for Youth and Young Adults, “God’s Word Comes to Life in Young People.” It is advisable to study the documents “Overview of the First Continental Biblical Mission for Youth and Young Adults” and “First Continental Biblical Mission for Youth and Young Adults: Questions and Answers,” as well as to become familiar with the entire Biblical Mission process before making use of the presentation.

The presentation should explain the project in a way that the audience may understand that the Mission is to be carried out at the local level with a team of four young missionaries as the protagonists at each Mission site. Instituto Fe y Vida provides the design of the project, all the resources to implement it, and supporting materials for the organizers and trainers.

4. Biblical Mission for Youth and Young Adults promo video (Spanish)

The Biblical Mission is presented in a lively manner with a promotional video that is available only in Spanish on the Internet. It is designed to be uploaded on websites and distributed through YouTube and other similar media.

5. Document: Overview

In just a few pages, the “Overview of the First Continental Biblical Mission for Youth and Young Adults” summarizes the rationale for the Biblical Mission and its *mística*. It is addressed to ecclesial leaders who oversee the pastoral care and accompaniment of young people in their diocese, school, parish, or movement.

6. Document: Questions and Answers

The objective of this document is to offer general information about the Biblical Mission project in order to provide a broad understanding of the content and process. It is addressed to people in positions to be able to promote and organize the Biblical Mission, giving them the details they will need to explain the flyer and the PowerPoint presentation to diverse audiences. It is recommended that a supplemental Q&A document be developed at each organizing center to provide information about the local organization of the Biblical Mission—sites, dates, Core Team contact info, etc.



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7. Support letters from the bishops

Two bishops in key positions to motivate young people to participate in the Biblical Mission wrote letters to encourage its implementation. They are:

- Most Reverend José H. Gomez, STD; Archbishop of San Antonio, Texas; Chairman of the Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church, USCCB; Moderator of the National Catholic Network *de Pastoral Juvenil Hispana*—La RED.
- Most Reverend Mariano José Parra Sandoval; Bishop of Guayana City, Venezuela; Bishop in Charge of the Office for Young People at CELAM.

8. Bookmark with the “Mission Prayer”

A special bookmark of the Mission Prayer, “God’s Word Comes to Life in Young People,” can be printed and distributed in large numbers. Its purpose is to remind people to support the Biblical Mission in prayer so that it may bear fruit among the young people in the area. The bookmark is formally distributed during the Convocation of the candidates who are to become young missionaries and in the Sending Forth Liturgy. It is also recommended to give bookmarks to the members of the institutions implementing the Biblical Mission: the students and teachers in the schools; parishioners attending Sunday Mass; and members of congregations and apostolic movements. Distributing and reciting the prayer at the end of Mass encourages the community to remain in prayer throughout this missionary project.



RESOURCES FOR PLANNING THE BIBLICAL MISSION

1. Document: Scenarios of the Organizing Centers and their Missionary Potential

This document presents six scenarios for organizing the Biblical Mission, building on the young Catholic leadership potential within reach of the diverse ecclesial structures and organizations that serve young people. We hope that these six scenarios awaken interest, hope, creativity, and the ability to organize, achieving their potential over time as the Biblical Missions multiply. At the end of the document there are some examples for scheduling the biblical sessions at various sites during the week, and for distributing the sites across a geographic area.



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2. Sample calendar for planning the Biblical Mission

The purpose of the calendar is to illustrate the steps needed for the preparation and implementation of the Biblical Mission. The final schedule for preparing the Biblical Mission will depend on the needs and availability of each location or organizing center.

3. Template for planning the Biblical Mission

This template is an Excel version of the sample calendar mentioned above. It is available on the website to facilitate the planning of the Biblical Mission at each location.



BIBLE AND PUBLICATIONS FOR THE BIBLICAL MISSION

The Catholic Youth Bible

A Biblical Mission without a Bible is unthinkable. The Bible should occupy a prominent place at the Biblical Mission site. It should be enthroned and the evangelizers need to read directly from it.

It would be ideal for all the participants to have their own copy of *The Catholic Youth Bible*, for its rich content. Just be aware that there are two versions of the CYB, the *New American Bible Revised Edition (NABRE)* and the *New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*. The former is recommended since it is the text used throughout the Biblical Mission as well as in the *Mission Guidebook*, the *Mission Journal*, and the Sunday readings at Mass in the United States.

The four publications of the Biblical Mission

The four publications developed for the Biblical Mission complement one another. The decision to locate content in one publication or another was made following the subsidiarity principle; in other words, the *Core Team Manual* generally does not duplicate information provided in the *Manual for the Team of Young Missioners*, nor does the latter repeat information contained in the *Mission Guidebook*. However, there are cross-references to assist the participants in using the various publications in an interconnected way.

Both *Manuals* will be applicable for all the Biblical Missions prepared by Instituto Fe y Vida. New *Guidebooks* and their corresponding *Journals* will be produced periodically, based on different biblical themes.



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1. Core Team Manual

This *Manual* includes the elements necessary for planning and implementing the Biblical Mission. It presents what the Core Team needs to organize the training of the young missionaries and to support their pastoral protagonism (main leading role) throughout this process. It also includes several practical appendixes to support the organizational work and the training of the young missionaries.

2. Manual for the Team of Young Missioners

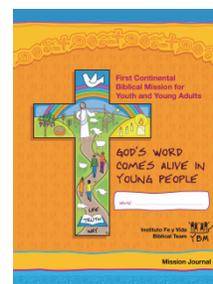
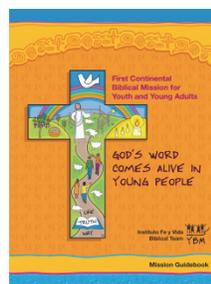
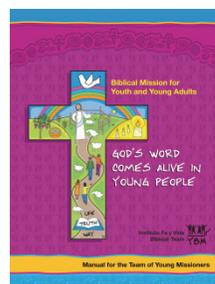
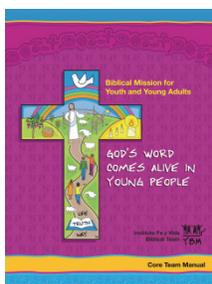
This *Manual* includes the Biblical Mission's theological-pastoral foundation. It provides the spiritual, methodological, and psychological components required to become a young missionary. It also includes recommendations for their training and guidelines for preparing the biblical sessions, as well as some leadership principles to be followed while facilitating the biblical sessions. In addition, it presents guidelines for the Sending Forth and Closing Liturgies, highlighting different ways in which the participants may serve.

3. Mission Guidebook

The *Guidebook* includes the general process, the activities to be facilitated, and the content required for each of the four biblical sessions that together constitute the Biblical Mission. It presents the goals, the detailed plan and the materials needed for each session. It also offers instructions for each task to be carried out by the members of the Team of Young Missioners. The *Guidebook* includes directions on how to present the themes and how to use the *Mission Journal*, as well as providing the evaluation forms for each session.

4. Mission Journal

The *Journal* includes the prayers and activities for the young participants' reflection during the Biblical Mission. The scriptural quotes for each session are included so that everyone has the same version of the biblical text. It also provides blank spaces for the participants to document their ongoing dialogue with Jesus throughout the Biblical Mission.





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RESOURCES FOR TRAINING THE YOUNG MISSIONERS

1. Registration form

This form is designed to record basic contact information about those who made a commitment to serve as young missionaries. It is used at the Convocation after the Biblical Mission project, the requirements for training, and the importance of actively participating as protagonists in the missionary project are explained.

2. Commitment card

This card will be signed by the young missionaries in a special rite at the end of the Convocation. By signing, they show their commitment to receive training, prepare, facilitate, and evaluate the biblical sessions.

3. Training video (in Spanish)

The training video is only available in Spanish. It offers an overview of the Biblical Mission, presents important aspects of its pastoral-theological framework, and specifies key elements of the methodology utilized in this project. It also describes the main activities that form the planning, training, and implementation stages. It was created to be used in the training of the Core Team and the Teams of Young Missioners.

If this video is to be used to promote the Biblical Mission project, it will be necessary to make a brief introduction before showing it. It is important to let people know that the Biblical Mission is designed to be implemented at the local level while the Core Team exercises its service through an organizing center.



AUDIOVISUAL RESOURCES

1. Theme song for the Biblical Mission

The theme song, “Go Out and Tell,” by Bobby Fisher and Greg Lee is both biblical and catechetical, and it relates well to the Biblical Mission. It is available in two formats:

- **Digital recording of the theme song.** This version may be used by the participants during rehearsals or as background for their own vocal performance.
- **Guitar arrangements with lyrics.** Provided to facilitate playing and singing.



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2. Songbook for the Biblical Mission

The Biblical Mission Songbook includes songs with missionary themes and others related to the content of the biblical sessions. This songbook may be used throughout the Biblical Mission, during the Convocation, during the process for discerning the roles of the young missionaries, during the Training Day, and for the Sending Forth and Closing Liturgies. Other songs related to the topic of each session that are familiar to young people locally may also be used during the sessions.



CLIP ART GALLERY

All the clip art used for the Biblical Mission is available on the website. Some of the clip art is to be used for a particular session; others may be used to promote the Biblical Mission through the Internet or in print. By making these images available to all, the identity and *mística* of the Biblical Mission will be maintained across the Americas, and the creativity of the missionary teams will be fostered without jeopardizing the integrity of the project. There are several types of resources:

- Informative components to promote the Biblical Mission through local channels, such as newspapers, magazines, PowerPoint presentations, or websites.
- Logos and other symbols to maintain the identity and *mística* of the Biblical Mission in all local communications related to the project.
- Promotional elements to motivate young people to participate.
- Illustrations that encapsulate the themes of the biblical sessions and others that may be required for particular activities.



EVALUATIONS AND FINAL REPORT

1. Evaluation of each biblical session

The evaluation forms for each biblical session are included at the end of the *Mission Guidebook*. The Core Team conducts this evaluation upon completion of the Experience of the Biblical Mission weekend. In turn, the young missionaries carry out the evaluations after each biblical session they facilitate for the young participants. Once all four sessions have been completed, a summary of each site's evaluation should be delivered to the Core Team, in order to give its members a general assessment of the Biblical Mission's implementation under their leadership.



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2. Evaluation of the Convocation

The purpose of this evaluation is to guide the Core Team in improving its preparation and facilitation for future Biblical Missions. It is also important to communicate in the final report to Instituto Fe y Vida those aspects that need to be improved.

3. Evaluation of the Experience of the Biblical Mission

This evaluation should be done by the Core Team. It is useful not only as a reflection on their roles as a team, but also to decide if any part of the biblical sessions needs to be adapted to the needs and circumstances of local young people. In addition, this evaluation is a useful tool to assess the performance and character of the young missionaries so that the Core Team can provide extra help where needed. It includes the identification of relevant suggestions to be communicated to Instituto Fe y Vida.

4. Evaluation of the discernment process for the selection of roles

This document has a self-evaluation of the Core Team and an assessment of the young missionaries. It also identifies any aspects of the discernment process that may need improvement so that they may be included in the final report to Instituto Fe y Vida.

5. Evaluation of the Training Day

The objectives of this evaluation are similar to those of the two previous evaluations.

6. Guides for the oral evaluation of the Sending Forth and Closing Liturgies

These guides should be used by both the Core Team and the Teams of Young Missioners, as their respective experiences tend to complement one another. If these evaluations are conducted on different days or locations, the young missionaries should carry out their evaluation first and deliver it to the Core Team. The evaluation covers both the preparation and the celebration of the liturgies.

7. Final report of the organizing centers to Instituto Fe y Vida

The objective of this form is to compile information about the implementation of the Biblical Mission and areas for improvement identified in the evaluations. Each organizing center should send its own report to Instituto Fe y Vida. It is very important that Instituto Fe y Vida receive this report in order to improve future Biblical Missions, as well as to make it available to the foundations and donors that made it possible to offer all the resources free of charge.



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WEBSITES OF THE BIBLICAL MISSION

So that the Biblical Mission for Youth and Young Adults, “God’s Word Comes to Life in Young People,” may reach every corner of the Americas, there are two websites available: www.YouthBiblicalMission.org in English and www.MisionBiblicaJuvenil.org in Spanish. All the materials and resources needed to implement the Biblical Mission are ready for download free of charge at both sites.

