

Bibles for Youth



Australia

Project: N/A
Non-Tax-Deductible

Overview

Bible Society Australia is supporting the next generation by providing the 'Read this.' Bible to young people across the country, with a primary focus on Youth Alive events where thousands respond to the gospel each year. Designed specifically for Australian teens, this engaging NLT Bible helps new believers understand Scripture clearly and begin their faith journey with confidence. In 2026, BSA aims to meet strong demand by continuing free distribution at Youth Alive events and exploring opportunities to expand into youth groups as funding allows.



The Need

Young Australians are navigating a complex cultural moment marked by rising mental health pressures, identity confusion, and limited connection with faith communities. Many have never owned a Bible, and Youth Alive reports that around 80% of new believers at their events have never attended church or youth group before. With 81% of those who respond to the gospel going on to join a local church community, placing Scripture in their hands early is essential for discipleship. A physical Bible remains one of the most effective tools for grounding young believers in God's Word.

- **59%** of Australian teens hold a high view of the Bible and occasionally read it
- **80%** of Youth Alive new believers have never been to church or youth group
- **81%** continue into a local church community.

Goals

In 2026, Bible Society Australia aims to place another 6,750 'Read this.' Bibles into the hands of young people attending Youth Alive events, reflecting the continuing need for physical Scripture among new believers.

Bibles for Youth Alive remains the primary focus of the project, with Youth Alive committing their own funds towards the project, a significant stretch for them.

BSA hopes to expand the program to local youth groups and other ministry spaces if additional funding becomes available, as demand from these communities continues to grow.

Impact

Since launching in 2024, the 'Read this.' Bible has become one of BSA's most in-demand resources for reaching young Australians, with strong uptake from churches and youth ministries nationwide.

In 2025, 6,750 Bibles were placed directly into the hands of new believers at Youth Alive events, contributing to BSA's broader annual distribution of approximately 20,000 youth-focused Bibles across Australia.

Youth Alive reported more than 12,000 young people responding to the gospel in the past 12 months, many for the first time. State-level impact reports show consistent patterns of strong engagement, growing discipleship, and local church integration. As the project enters 2026, demand continues to increase, with youth groups expressing active interest in receiving subsidised Bibles for their ministries.

Impact in Numbers

20,000+

'Read this.' Bibles distributed in past years through BSA partners

6,750

Bibles given to new believers through Youth Alive in 2025; 12,000+ young Australians made faith decisions at Youth Alive events last year

Testimony

"We can't always guarantee that young people will download digital Bibles ... but one of the things that we can be confident of is when we put a physical Bible in their hands, that is something that they will have for many years to come ... last year we gave out 6,750 Bibles through our network of young people responding to the gospel."

— Dave Edgar, State Director, Youth Alive Victoria

How Your Support Helps

\$30

will help to subsidise two 'Read this.' Bibles for new believers.

\$150

will help supply a youth group with a bundle of Bibles for outreach.

\$5,000

will help fund large-scale Bible distribution at major youth events across Australia.

'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.' — **Matthew 28:19, NIV**