



THE GOOD NEWS STORYBOOK PROJECT

Purpose: Empowering children to participate in the transformation process of their community through interactive workshops, self-discovery, creative expression and the truth of the Gospel through *The Good News Storybook Project*.

Primary Target: Children (and youth).

Secondary Target: Adults.

Children: Children are of great value and have needs, rights and responsibilities. How a community treats their children is a reflection on the health of that community, as they are the most vulnerable.

Through oppression the poor (spiritual, mental, physical, economic etc) become powerless, relationships broken and their identity becomes marred. This hurts the soul and becomes a contributing factor of poverty. They are trapped in a web of lies and the resultant fear becomes the driving force.

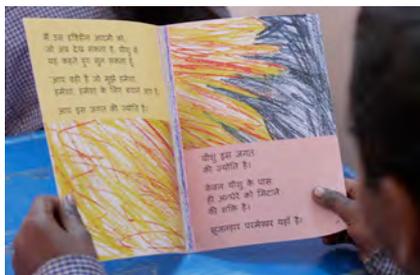
Engaging children and adults with the truth of the Gospel (made in the image of God), and enabling them to express themselves and that truth creatively, assists in the transformation process. Producing an indigenous set of Gospel readers not only assists in the restoration of the marred identity of the participants, but also reaches the wider community with the Gospel through *The Good News Storybooks* creative and literacy programs. The community will be empowered to take ownership of the Gospel in the context of their everyday life and go teach others to do likewise.

'Children have proved that when they are involved, they can make a difference in the world around them. They have ideas, experiences and insights that enrich adult understanding and make a positive contribution to adult actions.' Ravi Jayakaran.¹

Gospel Readers: Chronological Bible Stories simply told from the viewpoint of the reader learning literacy that speak directly into their current belief system. Using short sentences, repeated words and illustrations from tribal children, *The Good News Storybooks* create an indigenous Gospel that empowers the powerless.



¹ *Empowering Children*. (2011). Pasadena, USA: William Carey Library.



Methodology: *The Good News Storybook Program Manual* has 16 lessons that are linked to *The Good News Storybook* 16 stories (6 book series) and share the Gospel truth through various interactive means of learning (including games, story telling, story writing, drama, action songs, object lessons and drawing programs). This program is a result of working with indigenous leaders and children throughout north and south India, in both rural and city areas.

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Expected Outcomes: Billions of children come to know Jesus through *The Good News Storybooks* and *The Good News Storybook Program*.

Pastors, evangelists, teachers, parents and volunteers are empowered to share the Good News using *The Good News Storybooks* along with culturally appropriate and effective learning methods from the lessons in *The Good News Storybooks Program Manual*.

The families and surrounding community come to know Jesus through the sharing of a contextualised Gospel.

Working towards the restoration of the marred identity and broken relationships.

Helping children and adults recognise their rights and responsibilities toward each other and the value of children's knowledge and contributions.

Training: *The Kingdom of God Training Seminar* is conducted upon request. *The Kingdom of God Training Seminar* uses participatory methods to train pastors, evangelists, teachers, parents, children and volunteers in creative bible story telling and how to empower others to draw and story tell the Gospel.

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