

Bilble Art

Eikon Bible Art is a small independent Scottish company which has been making available graphical resources for Bible Teachers for the past couple of years. The classic customer is the Sunday School teacher; however, because of its startling realism, the artwork can be used effectively with any age group. What makes the Eikon graphics unique is that they are all computer generated and not hand drawn, and is what children have become accustomed to in their video games and animated movies.

A google search for "Jonah and the Whale" might furnish you with a quaint picture, but what it will **not** typically do is provide you with a whole series of pictures that help "tell out" the story, event by event as it happened, though this is what you really want. In the past, the Sunday School teacher has resorted to flannelgraph or a series of hand-drawn or purchased flashcards. But in the twenty-first century, we really can do better than this.

Eikon Bible Art is addressing this need by providing a whole library of Bible Stories (currently > 120) in PowerPoint format, and because they are in this format, they can be easily customized to suit you own particular purpose. A single license of the library can equip all the teachers in a given local church with the entire contents of the library (approx. 1,000 images). All the stories are instantly downloadable once an account has been established on

eikonbibleart.com. Every story is presented as a series of at least six slides and is accompanied by a printable PDF activity pack which contains a Teacher's page, a Colouring page and a Puzzle page. The activity pack can be used to support traditional small-group Sunday School classes.

An additional resource that Eikon has been publishing is "Legends of Faith" comics. These

comics re-purpose the existing graphics and add speech bubbles into a well-produced A5 sized booklet.

TITANIC

The recent coverage of the Titanic sinking has provided Eikon with an opportunity to do something very topical, especially for N. Ireland. Eikon has produced three resources to assist in giving an Evangelical Christian perspective on this great tragedy. A true story which presents the gospel clearly, and stands in remarkable contrast to the Hollywood version, which tries to romanticise and to a large extent trivialise the events of that fateful night in April 1912.

Eikon has produced a 50-slide deck that tells the story of John Harper, a Baptist pastor on the Titanic travelling to Chicago to preach. His life is cut short, but not before he uses the opportunity to reach many with the gospel message in the last hours of so many. He even gives away his Life Belt to another, esteeming the need of the young man to be greater than his, as Harper knew the Saviour and the young man was without faith. This deck could be used in a school or church setting to adults or children. A full script is provided along with linkage information to the KS2 — Revised Curriculum in Northern Ireland.

Alongside this, Eikon have also produced a 28-page comic to allow children to read the story for themselves. In the comic, Harper faithfully preaches and "He being dead yet speaketh." Finally, Eikon has prepared a short 10-minute downloadable movie to tell the story in that format.

SCHOOLS OPPORTUNITY

Eikon has written to every church in Northern Ireland, encouraging them to purchase the comic in volume for their children and the children in their local primary schools. This serves two purposes; it will encourage closer church/school ties and also enables the gospel message to be put directly into the hands of children in a format that they are sure to read.

PRICING

Titanic Comics can be purchased for as little as 50p each in volume. PowerPoints start at £6.95 each, but a 100-pack is £250 meaning you only pay £2.50 per story.

MORE INFO

A graphical introduction to the artwork can be found at youtube.com/eikonbibleart