



How to read the Bible



What is the Bible?

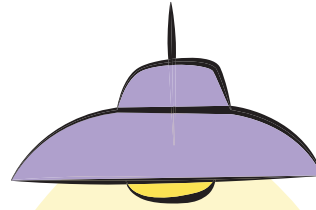
**The Bible is
God's book.**



A long time ago God chose certain people to write down his words so that we could learn about him and get to know him just like we know our family and friends!



The Bible is made up of **66** smaller books that are really exciting and full of action. The best thing about God's book is that he says he loves you very much, and he has done something amazing to show it!



***Your word is a lamp
that gives light
wherever I walk.***

Psalms 119:105

The Bible is
sometimes called
God's Word.



What is in the Bible?

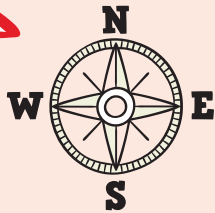
The 66 books that make up the Bible are split into 2 sections – the Old Testament and the New Testament.

**OLD
TESTAMENT**

The Old Testament is the first 39 books in the Bible and has lots of great stories like Creation, Noah's Ark and David and Goliath. It also tells us that even though all people turn away from God, he would send a Saviour to rescue us.

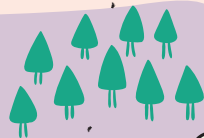
**NEW
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The New Testament is the last 27 books in the Bible and includes lots of stories about Jesus and the people who followed Him. It tells the story of how Jesus died on a cross and rose again, beating death to show He is the Saviour of the world. We can follow Jesus today too!



How do I find my way around the Bible?

Bible chapters and verses help us to find our way around the Bible. When you open a Bible, you will see **big** numbers to tell you the chapters, and **small** numbers to tell you the verses.



A Bible verse is written like this:
book **chapter** **Matthew 16:13** **verse**

which means go to the book of Matthew, chapter 16 and verse 13.



A Bible '**passage**' is a group of verses and is written like this: **Matthew 16:13-17**

This means in Matthew chapter 16 you start reading at verse 13 and finish at the end of verse 17.

Where should I start reading in the Bible?

You can start reading the Bible at any book, although a really good place to start is the Gospels - the books named Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

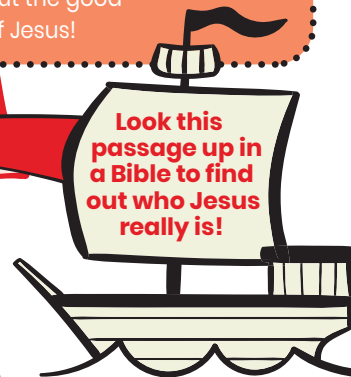
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The word gospel means 'good news'. The Gospels are the first books in the New Testament and have lots of stories about the good news of Jesus!

Look this passage up in a Bible to find out who Jesus really is!



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