



READING THE BIBLE WITH YOUR KIDS

We're so glad you have this Bible!

The Bible is hands-down the most amazing book you will ever own or read, but on first glance, it can seem overwhelming. With all those pages, books and numbers inside, you may have no idea where to start. Well, we're here to help. We want reading the Bible to be an awesome experience for you and your kids. Here are some of our best tips:

- Read the Bible together! Make it a part of your daily routine, maybe even before bed. Sit down and read a few verses or a chapter together, and discuss what it means. If your child is older or an independent reader, you can read the same chapter (at different times), and discuss it together before they go to sleep or when they get up in the morning.
- Find some good tools to help! Some parts of the Bible are pretty self-explanatory, and some can be confusing. We recommend downloading the YouVersion Bible App for some great devotional plans to help work through the Bible, connecting with your local pastor, and saying a prayer before you start to read that God will give you wisdom and speak!
- While all parts of the Bible are powerful and useful, all parts may not be 'kid-friendly.' Some parts of the Bible record violent parts of history, others record relationships that may cause questions for your kids! We've provided you with the WHOLE Bible, so be aware of that! We encourage you to start with the parts in the enclosed guide, and work your way up to some of the trickier parts.

WHAT ARE ALL THE NUMBERS ABOUT?

The Bible is one big book divided into 66 smaller ones. At the top of each page, you'll find the smaller book's NAME and the page number!

The bigger numbers like this throughout the text are CHAPTER numbers.

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The smaller numbers like this next to the words are VERSE numbers!

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WHERE DO I START?

A Bible Reading Plan is a plan that helps you know what to read in the Bible.

There are no 'right' or 'wrong' places to start or read, but following a plan can help make the Bible easier to understand! Here's one we suggest.

START WITH THE LIFE OF JESUS!

We recommend reading 1 part of this plan a day, but you can read more or break it up into smaller pieces. As you read, you can put a checkmark so you know where to turn.

Luke 1:26-38: Jesus' birth is predicted!

Luke 2: Jesus is born and starts to grow up!

Matthew 3: Jesus is baptized!

John 1:35-50: Jesus calls His first disciples.

Matthew 5:1-16: One of Jesus' first sermons!

John 6:1-15: Jesus feeds the 5000!

Matthew 8:1-17: Jesus heals many people!

Luke 8:40-56: Jesus does miracles.

Luke 11:1-11: Jesus teaches the disciples how to pray.

Mark 19:13-16: Jesus welcomes the children.

Luke 15: Jesus tells some important stories!

John 12:1-19: Jesus is anointed and becomes King.

John 13:1-17: Jesus serves His disciples.

John 22:1-45: Jesus has a Last Supper with His followers.

Mark 14:43-15:40: Jesus is arrested and dies on the cross.

Luke 23:50-56: Jesus is buried.

John 20: Jesus rises from the dead!

Matthew 28:16-20: Jesus gives the disciples instructions.

WHAT NEXT?

There are so many cool places you can go next. You can go to Acts - the story of the early church. You could start reading the Psalms - songs people have written to worship Jesus. Or you could check out a devotional plan for kids on the Youversion app.