

PREVIEW

BIBLE TEXT FEATURES

learning how to use your Bible

BIBLE TEXT FEATURES teaching points

TESTAMENTS

The Bible has two main parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament consists of 39 books and is at the beginning of your Bible. It was originally written in Hebrew. It tells us about the beginning of the world, humanity and follows the history of Israel, a people God had called to be His light to the nations. The Old Testament also contains hundreds of prophecies of Jesus Christ, both in the first and second testaments.

The New Testament consists of 27 books and was originally written in Greek. It contains eye-witness accounts of Christ's first coming, how the church was born and spread, as well as how to live and raise children today. It is important to note that both the Old and New Testaments are subdivided into sections such as the Law, History, the Prophets, or the Gospels.

CHAPTERS/VERSES

Each book of the Bible is split into chapters (unless it's a book with just one chapter like the Book of Psalms). Each chapter is split into verses. Chapters and

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STUDY NOTES **TABLE OF CONTENTS** **MAPS**



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Write the page number Pauline begins on. (Use your Table of Contents.) _____

What nation was Pauline's hometown? (Use the Introduction to the book of Acts.) _____

Write two Bible references about the Holy Spirit. (Hint: Use your concordance.) _____

What Old Testament verses are referenced in Mark 12:29-31? (Hint: Use your cross references.) _____

In Jerusalem to the north, south, east, or west of Bethelchem? (Hint: Use your maps.) _____

In which testament (old or new) is Amos? (Hint: Use your Table of Contents.) _____

Write a parable Jesus tells in the book of Matthew. Write the references. (Hint: Use your concordance.) _____

What extra information do you find in John 10? (Hint: Use your concordance.) _____

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Write the page number 1 John begins on.		
Reads Luke, name another region of Israel.		
In which testament (old or new) is Job?		
What extra information do you find interesting in Genesis 1?		
Name a miracle Jesus performs in the book of Matthew. Write the references.		
Write two Bible references about faith.		
To whom was the book of Matthew written?		
What Old Testament verse is referenced in Matthew 1:23?		





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Directions: Feel free to read or paraphrase the information about each text feature below.

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<p>INTRODUCTION/ BACKGROUND</p>	<p>Some Bibles, like study Bibles, have a little paragraph or even an entire page before the book of the Bible that talks more about the author and the background of the book. The information on these pages can be helpful for understanding things like who wrote the book, why the book was written, to whom the book was written, and even when it was written.</p>
<p>STUDY NOTES</p>	<p>Study Bibles often have notes that explain verses in the Bible. These notes may explain confusing parts or even help you understand what the original language said. Life Application Bibles will often have ideas for applying the Bible verses to your life, helping you live out your faith. These are great to refer to if you're confused or would like to dig deeper into the meaning of a passage.</p> <p>Just like the introduction/background, study notes and life application notes are NOT the inspired word of God. If these notes say something that confuses you further, be sure to ask a trusted adult or look further to help you dig deeper in your understanding of God's Word.</p>

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STUDY NOTES

Study Bibles or Life Application Bibles will have notes about confusing verses or ideas for applying the Bible to your life. These can be helpful to refer to if you're confused or would like to dig deeper into the meaning of a passage.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Found at the beginning of your Bible, this page helps you locate the page number for each book of the Bible. Even if you know your books of the Bible, it can still be a handy reference. Sometimes people will have tabs in their Bibles that can also help them quickly locate books.

MAPS

Maps are often in the back of your Bible. They help you visualize where places are. When the Bible tells you someone walked from Point A to Point B, you can find it on a map. It's important to note that the places in the Bible were and still are REAL PLACES, though some of the names have changed.

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HEADINGS

Headings (called pericopes) can help you quickly locate where a passage or story is in the Bible if you already know the general vicinity. For example, if you know that The Prodigal Son is in Luke somewhere, the headings can help you find it when you scan the pages.

CONCORDANCE

A concordance works like a dictionary and can be found at the beginning or at the end of Bibles. Concordances may feature topics (such as worship or love), words (such as depart or gift), and/or people and places in alphabetical order with Bible references so you can more easily find them.

CROSS-REFERENCES

The Bible references or refers to itself often. For example, Matthew refers to the Old Testament prophecies. Some Bibles will have a small letter beside the verse. Then, down at the bottom of the page, it will tell you where that cross-reference is found somewhere else in the Bible.



FIND & READ verses

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John 3:30

Ezekiel 36:26-27

Romans 6:23

James 1:17

Revelation 1:3

Lamentations 3:2-23

Acts 9:1-19

Ecclesiastes 7:20

Psalms 1:1

Numbers 1:1

Luke 9:23-24

2 John 1:6 {only 1 chapter}

Leviticus 23:3

Jonah 2:8-9

Matthew 28:19-20

Titus 3:5

Genesis 12:3

Micah 5:2

Jeremiah 17:9

Hosea 6:6

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

1 Thessalonians 2:13

Exodus 12:23

Ruth 4:17

Romans 8:28

Zephaniah 9:1

John 14:1-6

2 Peter 1:1-11

Isaiah 55:5-6

Job 25:1-6

Hebrews 12:1-2

1 John 4:1

2 Corinthians 5:17

Habakkuk 3:19

Proverbs 3:5-6

Jude 1:3 {only 1 chapter}

Mark 10:45

1 Timothy 2:5

Joshua 1:9

Esther 4:14

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Write the page number Psalms begins on.
(Hint: Use your Table of Contents.)

For what nation was Obadiah written?
(Hint: Use the introduction to the book of Obadiah.)

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Name a parable Jesus tells in the book of Matthew. Write the reference.
(Hint: Skim the headings in Matthew.)

What extra information do you find interesting in John 8? (Hint: Use your study notes.)



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Who wrote the book of Exodus?

Write two Bible references about blood.

Find when God flooded the Earth in the book of Genesis.

What extra information do you find interesting in 1 Corinthians 13?

Write the page number Malachi begins on.

In which testament (old/new) is Daniel?

Name another city or town in Israel besides Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

What Old Testament verses are referenced in Hebrews 3:7-11?

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