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# FEATURES OF THIS BIBLE

Created in partnership with 2K/DENMARK, the CSB Grace Bible is designed to enhance readability for those with all levels and varieties of dyslexia and other reading challenges. This unique Bible offers readers an inclusive approach to reading and Bible study through innovative and academically tested typeface, layout, and design principles.

## Grace Typeface

The Grace Typeface®, designed for inclusive and accessible reading, has been developed by 2K/DENMARK in collaboration with the University of Cambridge.

## Line Length

Line length does not exceed 35 characters with no hyphenation breaks at the end of a line.

## Paragraphs

Paragraphs beyond 11 lines were divided into small text blocks. If a paragraph normally extended beyond 11 lines, a dash was inserted in between blocks of text to note the paragraph continues.

## Bible Text

This Bible uses 11-point type and black-letter text to ensure readability.

<sup>4</sup>These are the records of the heavens and the earth, concerning their creation. At the time that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, <sup>5</sup>no shrub of the field had yet grown on the land, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not made it rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground.

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<sup>6</sup>But mist would come up from the earth and water all the ground.

<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD God formed the man out of the dust from the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being.

## Font Styles

No additional font styles like bold, italic, all caps are used in this Bible. Since the CSB normally puts Old Testament quotes in the New Testament in bold, Scripture references to these quotations have been moved to the back matter (see page 1721).

## Footnotes

No footnotes or callouts were included in this Bible to avoid an overly complicated text.

## Color overlays

Built-in pocket with colored page overlays to further enhance visual processing.

## Colored Inserts

Forty insert pages with study helps and maps to help connect kids to Scripture.

**How can The Bible Help you?**

Your Bible can help you in all life situations. Open it to find the verses below and read them. When you are angry, afraid, or sad, look to the Bible for help.

The Bible can help you when you are . . .

- Afraid—Isaiah 41:10; Hebrews 13:6
- Angry—Proverbs 15:1; Matthew 5:21–26
- Discouraged—Romans 8:28
- Feeling bad about Hurting someone—Luke 6:37
- Felling Guilty about something you have done—1 John 1:9
- Feeling Greedy—Ecclesiastes 5:10; Hebrews 13:5
- Having problems with a friend—Luke 6:31; Ephesians 4:32; 1 John 4:7
- Having problems with Your parents—Ephesians 6:1–3
- Needing to know God's will—Proverbs 3:5–6
- Sad—John 14:27
- Sick—Jeremiah 17:14
- Tempted—1 Corinthians 10:13
- Tempted to be selfish—1 John 4:7–8
- Tempted to lie—Colossians 3:8–9
- Tempted to Get back at someone who hurt you—Romans 12:17–21
- Worried—Matthew 6:25–34; Philippians 4:6,19

**Studying Your Bible**

Bible study is exciting and can help you know what is true and what is not, how God wants you to live, and how to make good choices for the rest of your life. Read these Bible verses to discover why God wants you to study His Word: Psalm 119:105; Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:14–17; Hebrews 4:12.

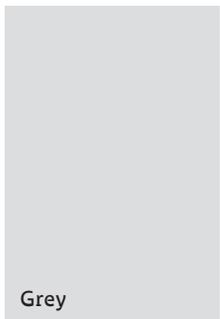
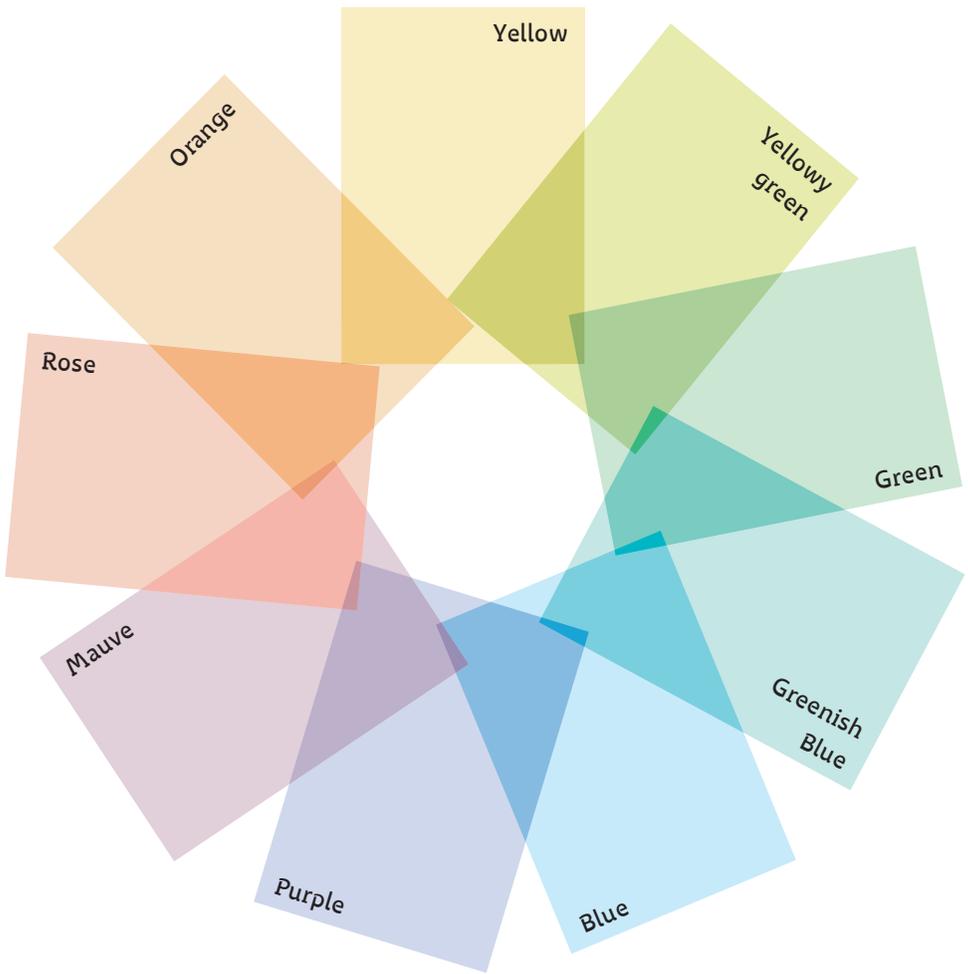
Bible study is more than reading your Bible. If you are ready to begin an energizing discovery of truth, decide on what to study: a Bible book, a Bible person, or a Bible topic.

**Bible Book** Start with one of the Gospels such as Mark. Read a summary about the book. Read about 10 verses each day. If the verses talk about a place, look at one of the maps in this Bible to locate that place. Find a notebook

and answer these questions: Who is the Bible writer talking to? What did God want the first readers or hearers to know or do? What does God want me to know or do?

**Person** Look at the "Kids in the Bible" article inserted in the New Testament in this Bible. Read the Bible verses listed. In your notebook, answer as many of these questions as you can: Where did this person live? Whom did he know? What did he do? What can I learn from this person?

**Bible Topic** Find a topic such as "The Ten Plagues of Egypt" (see the article inserted near the pages of Exodus in this Bible). After reading the Bible verses, list in your notebook two or three things the Bible says about the topic. Then write what this means to you and what God wants you to do.



# INTRODUCING COLORED OVERLAYS

A colored overlay can reduce the visual stress (visual distortions and discomfort) that some people experience when they read. The effective color differs from one person to another.

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This pack of overlays has been designed so that there is a sufficient choice of color to accommodate the differences between people. The nine differently colored overlays can be used singly or in pairs one on top of another. Eighteen shades of color are available.

Visual stress is poorly understood but is thought to arise when nerve cells in the visual part of the brain are overactive.<sup>1</sup> The effect of an overlay can sometimes be life-changing: "Sam was overdue an eye examination, so I booked him in with opticians new to us. I told them Sam was dyslexic, and they offered a colored overlay test. Two weeks before his fourteenth birthday, Sam

saw text on the whole page for the very first time. I have never seen a child so excited. He couldn't speak. It took his breath away. He said, "Mum, is that what you see when you read? No wonder you can read so fast."

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Sam brought the overlays home . . . He kept wandering into the room, looking at them, playing with them, on and off the book, saying, "I can't believe they do that" and shaking his head. We couldn't see it, the magic only worked for him." <sup>2</sup>

Many individuals who use colored overlays find tinted spectacles easier to use. Note that the best overlay color is not usually the same as the best color in tinted spectacles.

1. Wilkins, A. J., Evans, B. J. W. *Vision, Reading Difficulties and Visual Stress*. Springer, 2022.

2. Wilkins, A. J. *Reading Through Colour*. Wiley, 2003.

# HOW TO TEST WITH OVERLAYS

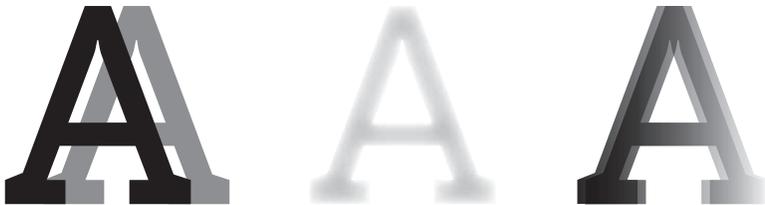
Obtain a description of any symptoms from reading.

Begin with the general question:  
"After you have been reading for a time, do the letters or words do anything strange?"

If necessary, use the following questions:

- Do the letters move, wobble, change places, fade or darken?
- Do you see shadows in the text?
- Does it hurt your eyes to look at the text?

Use the descriptions obtained above to refer to the distortion/discomfort when comparing overlays.



## SINGLE OVERLAYS

1. Place two colored overlays side by side on a page of text.
2. Which of the two sides is clearest and most comfortable?  
(Comfort is more important than clarity.)
3. Leave the better overlay in place and replace the other overlay with another color.
4. Repeat this until the best color has been chosen by trial and error.



## DOUBLE OVERLAYS

If distortions remain with the chosen overlay, try a stronger color using two overlays, one on top of the other. It does not matter much which one goes on top.

You only need to choose similar colours. So if your chosen color was purple you would choose blue and purple, and purple and mauve. Choose your double overlays from the following list.

### List of double overlays

- rose and orange
- orange and yellow
- yellow and yellowy green
- yellowy green and green
- green and greenish blue
- greenish blue and blue
- blue and purple
- purple and mauve
- mauve and rose

1. Position the chosen overlay to cover the entire page.
2. Then select another overlay from the list above and place it over half the page.
3. Compare the two sides as before.



# GENESIS

## The Creation

**1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness covered the surface of the watery depths, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

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<sup>4</sup> God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." There was an evening, and there was a morning: one day.

<sup>6</sup> Then God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters, separating water from water."

<sup>7</sup> So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the expanse "sky." Evening came and then morning: the second day.

<sup>9</sup> Then God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land "earth," and the gathering of the water he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

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<sup>11</sup> Then God said, "Let the earth produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds." And it was so.

<sup>12</sup> The earth produced vegetation: seed-bearing plants according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>13</sup> Evening came and then morning: the third day.

<sup>14</sup> Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night. They will serve as signs for seasons and for days and years. <sup>15</sup> They will be lights in the expanse of the sky to provide light on the earth." And it was so.

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<sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule over the day and the lesser light to rule over the night — as well as the stars.

<sup>17</sup> God placed them in the expanse of the sky to provide light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>19</sup> Evening came and then morning: the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> Then God said, "Let the water swarm with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." <sup>21</sup> So God created the large sea-creatures and every living creature that moves and swarms in the water, according to their kinds. He also created every winged creature according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

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<sup>22</sup> God blessed them: "Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the waters of the

seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup> Evening came and then morning: the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> Then God said, "Let the earth produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that crawl, and the wildlife of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so.

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<sup>25</sup> So God made the wildlife of the earth according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that crawl on the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, the whole earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth."

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<sup>27</sup> So God created man  
in his own image;  
he created him in the image  
of God;  
he created them male  
and female.

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<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that crawls on the earth."

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<sup>29</sup> God also said, "Look, I have given you every seed-bearing plant on the surface of the entire earth and every tree whose fruit contains seed. This will be food for you, <sup>30</sup> for all the wildlife of the earth, for every bird

of the sky, and for every creature that crawls on the earth – everything having the breath of life in it – I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good indeed. Evening came and then morning: the sixth day.

**2** So the heavens and the earth and everything in them were completed. <sup>2</sup> On the seventh day God had completed his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, for on it he rested from all his work of creation.

## Man and Woman in the Garden

<sup>4</sup> These are the records of the heavens and the earth, concerning their creation. At the time that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, <sup>5</sup> no shrub of the field had yet grown on the land, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not made it rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground.

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<sup>6</sup> But mist would come up from the earth and water all the ground.

<sup>7</sup> Then the LORD God formed the man out of the dust from the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he placed the man he had formed.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD God caused to grow out of the ground every tree pleasing

in appearance and good for food, including the tree of life in the middle of the garden, as well as the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

<sup>10</sup>A river went out from Eden to water the garden. From there it divided and became the source of four rivers. <sup>11</sup>The name of the first is Pishon, which flows through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold.

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<sup>12</sup>Gold from that land is pure; bdellium and onyx are also there. <sup>13</sup>The name of the second river is Gihon, which flows through the entire land of Cush. <sup>14</sup>The name of the third river is Tigris, which runs east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and placed him in the garden of Eden to work it and watch over it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree of the garden,

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<sup>17</sup>but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for on the day you eat from it, you will certainly die." <sup>18</sup>Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper corresponding to him."

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<sup>19</sup>The LORD God formed out of the ground every wild animal and every bird of the sky, and brought each to the man to see what he would call it. And whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all the livestock, to the birds of the sky, and

to every wild animal; but for the man no helper was found corresponding to him. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to come over the man, and he slept. God took one of his ribs and closed the flesh at that place.

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<sup>22</sup>Then the LORD God made the rib he had taken from the man into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>And the man said:

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This one, at last, is bone  
of my bone  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one will be called "woman,"  
for she was taken from man.

<sup>24</sup>This is why a man leaves his father and mother and bonds with his wife, and they become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>Both the man and his wife were naked, yet felt no shame.

## The Temptation and the Fall

**3** Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You can't eat from any tree in the garden'?"

<sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit from the trees in the garden. <sup>3</sup>But about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, God said, 'You must not eat it or touch it, or you will die.'"

<sup>4</sup>"No! You will certainly not die," the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup>"In fact, God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>The woman saw that the tree

was good for food and delightful to look at, and that it was desirable for obtaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

## Sin's Consequences

<sup>8</sup>Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>So the LORD God called out to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

<sup>10</sup>And he said, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid."

<sup>11</sup>Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

<sup>12</sup>The man replied, "The woman you gave to be with me — she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate."

<sup>13</sup>So the LORD God asked the woman, "What have you done?"

And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup>So the LORD God said to the serpent:

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Because you have done this,  
you are cursed more than  
any livestock

and more than any wild animal.  
You will move on your belly  
and eat dust all the days  
of your life.

<sup>15</sup> I will put hostility between you  
and the woman,  
and between your offspring  
and her offspring.  
He will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel.

<sup>16</sup>He said to the woman:

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I will intensify your labor pains;  
you will bear children  
with painful effort.  
Your desire will be  
for your husband,  
yet he will rule over you.

<sup>17</sup>And he said to the man, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'Do not eat from it':

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The ground is cursed  
because of you.  
You will eat from it by means of  
painful labor  
all the days of your life.

<sup>18</sup> It will produce thorns  
and thistles for you,  
and you will eat the plants  
of the field.

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<sup>19</sup> You will eat bread by the sweat  
of your brow  
until you return  
to the ground,  
since you were taken from it.  
For you are dust,  
and you will return to dust."

<sup>20</sup>The man named his wife Eve  
because she was the mother of all

the living. <sup>21</sup>The LORD God made clothing from skins for the man and his wife, and he clothed them.

<sup>22</sup>The LORD God said, "Since the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil, he must not reach out, take from the tree of life, eat, and live forever." <sup>23</sup>So the LORD God sent him away from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken.

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<sup>24</sup>He drove the man out and stationed the cherubim and the flaming, whirling sword east of the garden of Eden to guard the way to the tree of life.

## Cain Murders Abel

**4** The man was intimate with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain. She said, "I have had a male child with the LORD's help." <sup>2</sup>She also gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel became a shepherd of flocks, but Cain worked the ground.

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<sup>3</sup>In the course of time Cain presented some of the land's produce as an offering to the LORD.

<sup>4</sup>And Abel also presented an offering — some of the firstborn of his flock and their fat portions. The LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup>but he did not have regard for Cain and his offering. Cain was furious, and he looked despondent.

<sup>6</sup>Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you furious? And why do you look despondent? <sup>7</sup>If you do what is right, won't you be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is

crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

<sup>8</sup>Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?"

"I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's guardian?"

<sup>10</sup>Then he said, "What have you done? Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground! <sup>11</sup>So now you are cursed, alienated from the ground that opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood you have shed.

<sup>12</sup>If you work the ground, it will never again give you its yield. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."

<sup>13</sup>But Cain answered the LORD, "My punishment is too great to bear!

<sup>14</sup>Since you are banishing me today from the face of the earth, and I must hide from your presence and become a restless wanderer on the earth, whoever finds me will kill me."

<sup>15</sup>Then the LORD replied to him, "In that case, whoever kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over." And he placed a mark on Cain so that whoever found him would not kill him. <sup>16</sup>Then Cain went out from the LORD's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

## The Line of Cain

<sup>17</sup>Cain was intimate with his wife, and she conceived and gave birth to Enoch. Then Cain became the builder

All you descendants of Israel,  
 revere him!

24 For he has not despised  
 or abhorred  
 the torment of the oppressed.  
 He did not hide his face from him  
 but listened when he cried  
 to him for help.

25 I will give praise  
 in the great assembly  
 because of you;  
 I will fulfill my vows  
 before those who fear you.

26 The humble will eat  
 and be satisfied;  
 those who seek the LORD  
 will praise him.  
 May your hearts live forever!

27 All the ends of the earth  
 will remember  
 and turn to the LORD.  
 All the families of the nations  
 will bow down before you,  
 28 for kingship belongs to the LORD;  
 he rules the nations.

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29 All who prosper on earth will eat  
 and bow down;  
 all those who go down  
 to the dust  
 will kneel before him —  
 even the one who cannot  
 preserve his life.

30 Their descendants  
 will serve him;  
 the next generation will be told  
 about the Lord.

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31 They will come and declare  
 his righteousness;  
 to a people yet to be born  
 they will declare  
 what he has done.

## Psalm 23

### The Good Shepherd

A psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd;  
 I have what I need.

2 He lets me lie down  
 in green pastures;  
 he leads me beside  
 quiet waters.

3 He renews my life;  
 he leads me along the right paths  
 for his name's sake.

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4 Even when I go  
 through the darkest valley,  
 I fear no danger,  
 for you are with me;  
 your rod and your staff —  
 they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table  
 before me  
 in the presence of my enemies;  
 you anoint my head with oil;  
 my cup overflows.

6 Only goodness and faithful love  
 will pursue me  
 all the days of my life,  
 and I will dwell in the house  
 of the LORD  
 as long as I live.

## Psalm 24

### The King of Glory

A psalm of David.

1 The earth and everything in it,  
 the world and its inhabitants,  
 belong to the LORD;

2 for he laid its foundation  
 on the seas  
 and established it on the rivers.

- 3 Who may ascend the mountain  
of the LORD?  
Who may stand in his holy place?
- 4 The one who has clean hands  
and a pure heart,  
who has not appealed  
to what is false,  
and who has not  
sworn deceitfully.
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- 5 He will receive blessing  
from the LORD,  
and righteousness from the God  
of his salvation.
- 6 Such is the generation of those  
who inquire of him,  
who seek the face of the God  
of Jacob. *Selah*
- 7 Lift up your heads, you gates!  
Rise up, ancient doors!  
Then the King of glory  
will come in.
- 8 Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle.
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- 9 Lift up your heads, you gates!  
Rise up, ancient doors!  
Then the King of glory  
will come in.
- 10 Who is he, this King of glory?  
The LORD of Armies,  
he is the King of glory. *Selah*

## Psalm 25

### Dependence on the LORD

Of David.

- 1 LORD, I appeal to you.  
2 My God, I trust in you.  
Do not let me be disgraced;  
do not let my enemies gloat  
over me.

- 3 No one who waits for you  
will be disgraced;  
those who act treacherously  
without cause  
will be disgraced.
- 4 Make your ways known  
to me, LORD;  
teach me your paths.
- 5 Guide me in your truth  
and teach me,  
for you are the God  
of my salvation;  
I wait for you all day long.
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- 6 Remember, LORD,  
your compassion  
and your faithful love,  
for they have existed  
from antiquity.
- 7 Do not remember the sins  
of my youth  
or my acts of rebellion;  
in keeping with  
your faithful love,  
remember me  
because of your goodness, LORD.
- 8 The LORD is good and upright;  
therefore he shows sinners  
the way.
- 9 He leads the humble in what  
is right  
and teaches them his way.
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- 10 All the LORD's ways show  
faithful love and truth  
to those who keep his covenant  
and decrees.
- 11 LORD, for the sake of your name,  
forgive my iniquity, for  
it is immense.
- 12 Who is this person who fears  
the LORD?

He will show him the way  
he should choose.

<sup>13</sup> He will live a good life,  
and his descendants will inherit  
the land.

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<sup>14</sup> The secret counsel of the LORD  
is for those who fear him,  
and he reveals his covenant  
to them.

<sup>15</sup> My eyes are always on the LORD,  
for he will pull my feet  
out of the net.

<sup>16</sup> Turn to me  
and be gracious to me,  
for I am alone and afflicted.

<sup>17</sup> The distresses of my heart  
increase;  
bring me out of my sufferings.

<sup>18</sup> Consider my affliction  
and trouble,  
and forgive all my sins.

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<sup>19</sup> Consider my enemies;  
they are numerous,  
and they hate me violently.

<sup>20</sup> Guard me and rescue me;  
do not let me be disgraced,  
for I take refuge in you.

<sup>21</sup> May integrity and what is right  
watch over me,  
for I wait for you.

<sup>22</sup> God, redeem Israel, from all  
its distresses.

## Psalm 26 Prayer for Vindication

Of David.

<sup>1</sup> Vindicate me, LORD,  
because I have lived  
with integrity

and have trusted in the LORD  
without wavering.

<sup>2</sup> Test me, LORD, and try me;  
examine my heart and mind.

<sup>3</sup> For your faithful love  
guides me,  
and I live by your truth.

<sup>4</sup> I do not sit with the worthless  
or associate with hypocrites.

<sup>5</sup> I hate a crowd of evildoers,  
and I do not sit with the wicked.

<sup>6</sup> I wash my hands in innocence  
and go around your altar, LORD,  
<sup>7</sup> raising my voice in thanksgiving  
and telling about  
your wondrous works.

<sup>8</sup> LORD, I love the house  
where you dwell,  
the place where  
your glory resides.

<sup>9</sup> Do not destroy me  
along with sinners,  
or my life along with men  
of bloodshed

<sup>10</sup> in whose hands are evil schemes  
and whose right hands are filled  
with bribes.

<sup>11</sup> But I live with integrity;  
redeem me  
and be gracious to me.

<sup>12</sup> My foot stands on level ground;  
I will bless the LORD  
in the assemblies.

## Psalm 27 My Stronghold

Of David.

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light  
and my salvation —  
whom should I fear?

# JOHN

## Prologue

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. **4** In him was life, and that life was the light of men. **5** That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it.

**6** There was a man sent from God whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness to testify about the light, so that all might believe through him. **8** He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light. **9** The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

**10** He was in the world, and the world was created through him, and yet the world did not recognize him. **11** He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. **12** But to all who did receive him, he gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in his name, **13** who were born, not of natural descent, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God.

**14** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. **15** (John testified concerning him and exclaimed, "This was the one of whom I said, 'The one coming after

me ranks ahead of me, because he existed before me.'") **16** Indeed, we have all received grace upon grace from his fullness, **17** for the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **18** No one has ever seen God. The one and only Son, who is himself God and is at the Father's side — he has revealed him.

## John the Baptist's Testimony

**19** This was John's testimony when the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him, "Who are you?"

**20** He didn't deny it but confessed, "I am not the Messiah."

**21** "What then?" they asked him. "Are you Elijah?"

"I am not," he said.

"Are you the Prophet?"

"No," he answered.

**22** "Who are you, then?" they asked. "We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What can you tell us about yourself?"

**23** He said, "I am a 'voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the Lord' — just as Isaiah the prophet said."

**24** Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. **25** So they asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you aren't the Messiah, or Elijah, or the Prophet?"

<sup>26</sup> "I baptize with water," John answered them. "Someone stands among you, but you don't know him. <sup>27</sup> He is the one coming after me, whose sandal strap I'm not worthy to untie." <sup>28</sup> All this happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

## The Lamb of God

<sup>29</sup> The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is the one I told you about: 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me, because he existed before me.' <sup>31</sup> I didn't know him, but I came baptizing with water so that he might be revealed to Israel."

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<sup>32</sup> And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and he rested on him. <sup>33</sup> I didn't know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The one you see the Spirit descending and resting on — he is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup> The next day, John was standing with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

<sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this and followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and noticed them following him, he asked them, "What are you looking for?"

They said to him, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

<sup>39</sup> "Come and you'll see," he replied. So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed him. <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated "the Christ"), <sup>42</sup> and he brought Simon to Jesus.

When Jesus saw him, he said, "You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which is translated "Peter").

## Philip and Nathanael

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. He found Philip and told him, "Follow me."

<sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the law (and so did the prophets): Jesus the son of Joseph, from Nazareth."

<sup>46</sup> "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathanael asked him.

"Come and see," Philip answered.

<sup>47</sup> Then Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

<sup>48</sup> "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

"Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you," Jesus answered.

<sup>49</sup>"Rabbi," Nathanael replied, "You are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel!"

<sup>50</sup>Jesus responded to him, "Do you believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." <sup>51</sup>Then he said, "Truly I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

## The First Sign: Turning Water into Wine

**2** On the third day a wedding took place in Cana of Galilee. Jesus's mother was there, <sup>2</sup>and Jesus and his disciples were invited to the wedding as well. <sup>3</sup>When the wine ran out, Jesus's mother told him, "They don't have any wine."

<sup>4</sup>"What has this concern of yours to do with me, woman?" Jesus asked. "My hour has not yet come."

<sup>5</sup>"Do whatever he tells you," his mother told the servants.

<sup>6</sup>Now six stone water jars had been set there for Jewish purification. Each contained twenty or thirty gallons.

<sup>7</sup>"Fill the jars with water," Jesus told them. So they filled them to the brim. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the headwaiter." And they did.

<sup>9</sup>When the headwaiter tasted the water (after it had become wine), he did not know where it came from — though the servants who had drawn the water knew. He called the groom <sup>10</sup>and told him, "Everyone sets out the fine wine first, then, after people are drunk, the inferior. But you have kept the fine wine until now."

<sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

<sup>12</sup>After this, he went down to Capernaum, together with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples, and they stayed there only a few days.

## Cleansing the Temple

<sup>13</sup>The Jewish Passover was near, and so Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling oxen, sheep, and doves, and he also found the money changers sitting there.

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<sup>15</sup>After making a whip out of cords, he drove everyone out of the temple with their sheep and oxen. He also poured out the money changers' coins and overturned the tables.

<sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling doves, "Get these things out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!"

<sup>17</sup>And his disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

<sup>18</sup>So the Jews replied to him, "What sign will you show us for doing these things?"

# OLD TESTAMENT QUOTES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

The following table lists every instance where the New Testament quotes the Old Testament. Look for

quotation marks in the specified New Testament verse to read the specific Old Testament quote.

NT SCRIPTURE	OT SCRIPTURE	NT SCRIPTURE	OT SCRIPTURE
Mt 1:23	Is 7:14	Mt 21:9	Ps 118:25–26
Mt 2:6	Mc 5:2	Mt 21:13	Is 56:7
Mt 2:15	Hs 11:1	Mt 21:13	Jr 7:11
Mt 2:18	Jr 31:15	Mt 21:16	Js 8:2
Mt 3:3	Is 40:3	Mt 21:42	Ps 118:22–23
Mt 4:4	Dt 8:3	Mt 22:24	Dt 25:5
Mt 4:6	Ps 91:11–12	Mt 22:32	Ex 3:6,15–16
Mt 4:7	Dt 6:16	Mt 22:37	Dt 6:5
Mt 4:10	Dt 6:13	Mt 22:39	Lv 19:18
Mt 4:15–16	Is 9:1–2	Mt 22:44	Ps 110:1
Mt 5:21	Ex 20:13; Dt 5:17	Mt 23:39	Ps 118:26
Mt 5:27	Ex 20:14; Dt 5:18	Mt 24:15	Dn 9:27
Mt 5:31	Dt 24:1	Mt 26:31	Zch 13:7
Mt 5:33	Lv 19:12; Nm 30:2; Dt 23:21	Mt 26:64	Ps 110:1; Dn 7:13
Mt 5:38	Ex 21:24; Lv 24:20; Dt 19:21	Mt 27:9–10	Jr 32:6–9; Zch 11:12–13
Mt 5:43	Lv 19:18	Mt 27:46	Ps 22:1
Mt 7:23	Ps 6:8	Mk 1:2	Mal 3:1
Mt 8:17	Is 53:4	Mk 1:3	Is 40:3
Mt 9:13	Hs 6:6	Mk 4:12	Is 6:9–10
Mt 10:35–36	Mc 7:6	Mk 7:6–7	Is 29:13
Mt 11:10	Mal 3:1	Mk 7:10	Ex 20:12; Dt 5:16
Mt 12:7	Hs 6:6	Mk 7:10	Ex 21:17; Lv 20:9
Mt 12:18–21	Is 42:1–4	Mk 8:18	Jr 5:21; Ezk 12:2
Mt 13:14–15	Is 6:9–10	Mk 9:48	Is 66:24
Mt 13:35	Ps 78:2	Mk 9:49	Lv 2:13; Ezk 43:24
Mt 15:4	Ex 20:12; Dt 5:16	Mk 10:6	Gn 1:27; 5:2
Mt 15:4	Ex 21:17; Lv 20:9	Mk 10:7–8	Gn 2:24
Mt 15:8–9	Is 29:13 LXX	Mk 10:19	Ex 20:12–16; Dt 5:16–20
Mt 18:16	Dt 19:15	Mk 11:9	Ps 118:26
Mt 19:4	Gn 1:27; 5:2	Mk 11:17	Is 56:7
Mt 19:5	Gn 2:24	Mk 11:17	Jr 7:11
Mt 19:18–19	Ex 20:12–16; Lv 19:18; Dt 5:16–20	Mk 12:10–11	Ps 118:22–23
Mt 21:5	Is 62:11; Zch 9:9	Mk 12:19	Gn 38:8; Dt 25:5
		Mk 12:26	Ex 3:6,15–16

# BIG WORDS DICTIONARY

## **ABBA (AB-buh, AH-buh)**

Name for God that Jesus used.

Means daddy. Mark 14:36.

## **AMEN (ah-MEN)**

Word that means "so be it." Often used at the end of prayer. Psalm 106:48.

## **ANOINT**

To pour oil or perfume on someone to show he is being set apart for a special purpose. 1 Samuel 16:12–13.

## **ARK**

Large boat God told Noah to build. God was sad when he saw the great evil people were planning and doing on earth. Only Noah and his family pleased God, so God decided to destroy those who were doing evil. The ark was designed to save Noah's family and representatives of each kind of animal on earth.

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God gave Noah specific instructions about how the ark would be built: 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. The ark had one door and three floors filled with rooms. It was built of gopher wood, a kind of cypress, and covered with pitch. Genesis 6:9–22; Hebrews 11:7; 1 Peter 3:20; 2 Peter 2:5.

## **ARK OF THE COVENANT**

Wooden box covered in gold that contained the stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments were written, a jar of manna, and Aaron's staff that budded. Hebrews 9:3–4.

## **BAPTIZE**

To lower someone in the water and bring him back up. The person who is baptized is following Jesus's example by showing others that he has confessed Jesus as Savior and Lord. Matthew 3:13–17.

## **BETHLEHEM (BETH-lih-hem)**

Means "house of bread." Near Jerusalem, this town is where Ruth and Boaz lived, where David was anointed king, and where Jesus was born. Ruth 1:22; 1 Samuel 16:1–13; Micah 5:2; Luke 2:4.

## **BURIAL**

In Bible times, the Jews buried their dead as soon as possible, usually within twenty-four hours of death. Bodies were buried in caves, tombs cut from rock, or in the ground. Jesus was buried in a tomb before sundown on the day he died. Matthew 27:57–61.

## **CANAAN (KAY-nuhn)**

Large area of land that God promised to Abram and his descendants. Canaan lay between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River reaching from the brook of Egypt to the area around Ugarit in Syria or to the Euphrates River.

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The word Canaan referred to different geographical areas at different times. Whatever the land was called, it was extremely important as the land bridge between Mesopotamia and Egypt

# TOPICAL CONCORDANCE FOR KIDS

Want to know where to find something in the Bible? Want to discover what God says about a subject? This concordance contains many Bible topics listed in alphabetical order. Find the topic you want to learn more about, then look up the Bible verses in your Bible.

## ANGELS

Are ministering spirits. Hebrews 1:14.  
Not to be worshiped.

Colossians 2:18.

Know and delight in the gospel.

1 Peter 1:12.

Rejoice over every repentant sinner.

Luke 15:7,10.

Will attend Christ at his second coming. Matthew 16:27; 25:31.

## ANGER

Be slow to. James 1:19.

Characteristic of fools.

Proverbs 14:29.

Children should not be stirred up to.

Ephesians 6:4.

Pray without. 1 Timothy 2:8.

A work of sinful nature.

Galatians 5:20.

## ANXIETY

The cure for. 1 Peter 5:7.

Prevented. Psalm 121:4.

## APPEARANCE

Can be deceiving. Matthew 23:27–28.

Do not judge by. James 2:2–4.

Inner versus outward. 1 Samuel 16:7.

## ASSURANCE

Eternal life. 1 John 5:13.

## BAPTISM

Jesus was baptized.

Matthew 3:13–16.

Believers were baptized. Acts 2:41.

The Ethiopian eunuch. Acts 8:36.

Paul was baptized. Acts 9:18.

A sign of repentance and sins forgiven. Mark 1:4.

Shows identification with Jesus Christ. Romans 6:3–8.

A command for all believers.

Matthew 28:18–20.

## BIBLE

Inspired by God. 2 Timothy 3:14–17.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:21.

Points to Christ. Acts 18:28.

Learn about salvation from.

2 Timothy 3:15.

A guide. 2 Peter 1:19.

Hearing is not enough. James 1:22.

Received message, not from men, but from God. 1 Thessalonians 2:13.

Everything should be tested against. Acts 17:11.

Warning against those who add to or take from. Revelation 22:18–19.

## BODY

Is the temple of Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:19.

## CHILDREN

Christ taught. Mark 10:13–16.

Gifts from God. Psalms 127:3.

Should honor the aged.

Leviticus 19:32.

Should obey parents. Ephesians 6:1.

Should take care of parents.

1 Timothy 5:4.