

Lesson 1

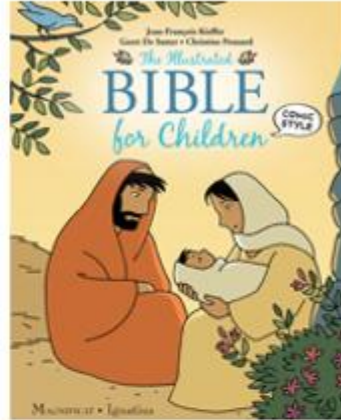
Why Read the Bible!

Objective: To Learn why the Bible is such an important book and why we should all read it.



Bible Reference: Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. (Psalm 119 verse 105 NIVUK)

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Why is the Bible the Best Book Ever?

What makes the Bible different from other books?



It is the Word of God



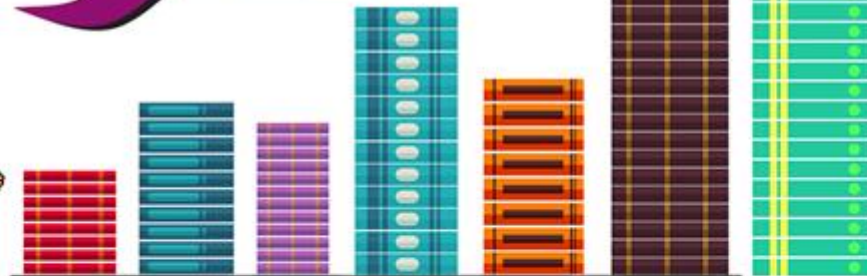
It is the word of God
It tells us how much God loves us and
how we should live our lives



Most Read Book



The Guinness Book of Records estimates that over 5 billion copies of the Bible have been distributed since the 1800s to the present time. No other book even comes close to this book.

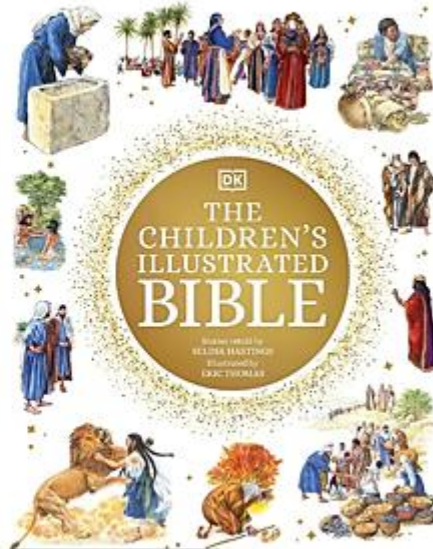


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- It is the most read book in the world
- It is shared with people everywhere in many formats, both print and digital.



The Bible is Read All Over the World



- The Bible is so special that people have translated it into thousands of languages, so that people all over the world can know God
- This shows God's love for all the people of the world



We Should Read the Bible because ... the Bible has brought changes to the World



- **God's Word Teaches Us to Love**
 - Schools were started
 - Hospitals were built
 - People were encouraged to help others
- **The Bible taught Christians to love like Jesus**






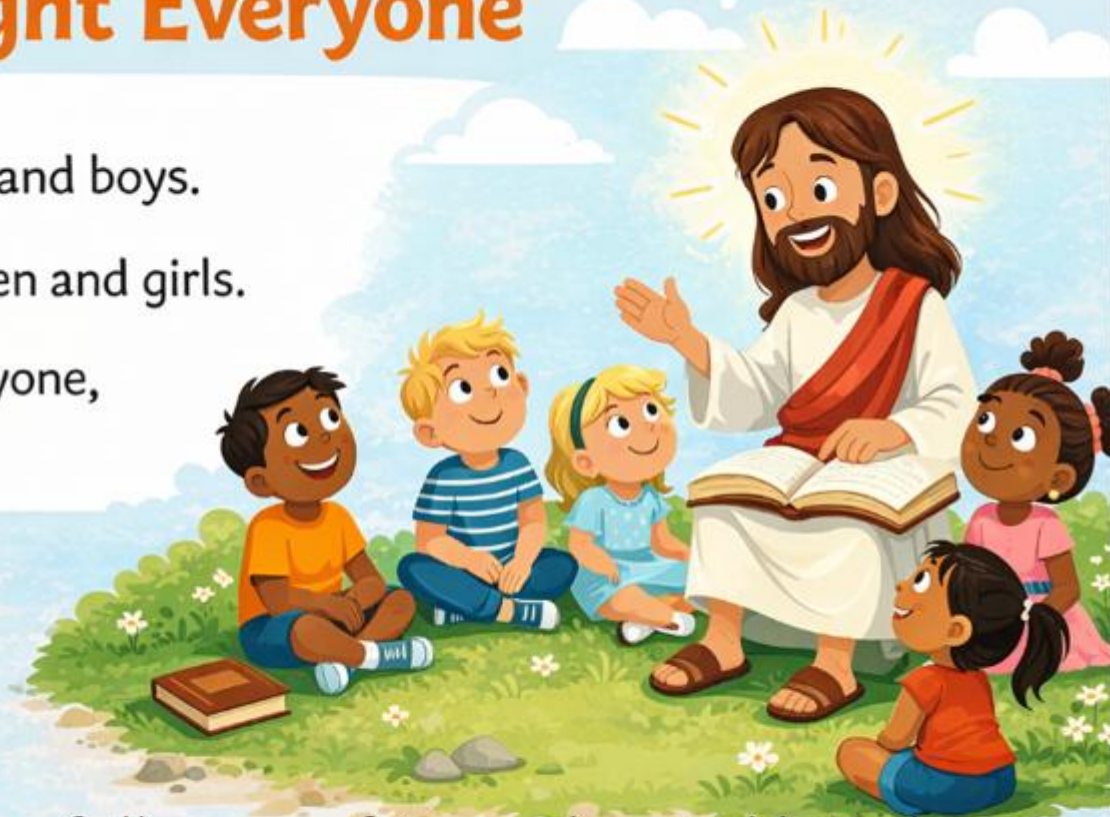
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- Long ago, many children could not go to school
- Some children were poor and had to work from a young age
- Christians who loved God and followed the teaching of the Bible said: All children should learn
- This idea came from the Bible
- Jesus taught everyone – men and women

Jesus Taught Everyone

-  He taught men and boys.
-  He taught women and girls.
-  Jesus loves everyone, everywhere!



In the 16th century followers of Jesus changed laws in their countries (beginning in Germany) to make it compulsory for children to go to school



Education for the Deaf and Blind



The braille alphabet

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
⠁	⠃	⠉	⠇	⠑	⠖	⠔	⠈	⠊
j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r
⠛	⠅	⠍	⠎	⠏	⠕	⠗	⠑	⠞
s	t	u	v	x	y	z		w
⠚	⠞	⠥	⠦	⠭	⠮	⠵		⠡

- Long ago, children who were deaf or blind could not go to school
- Christians wanted deaf and blind people to have the opportunity to learn
- Deaf and Blind children could have the opportunity to go to special schools developed by Christians
- Jesus taught everyone – the sick and the healthy



The Bible Has Many Different Kinds of Writing



Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego In The Fire



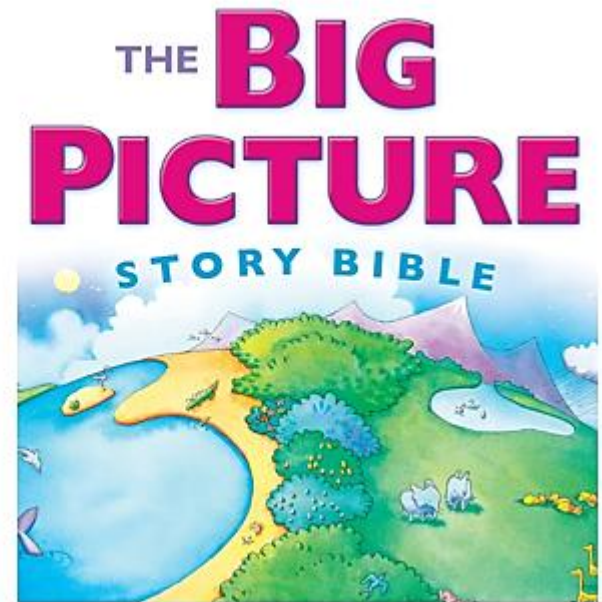
The Bible Has Many Kinds of Writing

- Historical stories
- Songs
- Poems and Wise Sayings
- Letters

But they all tell ONE story!



One Big Story



The Bible Tells One Big Story from God

- **God made the world**
- **People disobeyed God and sinned**
- **Sin separates us from a holy God**
- **God sent Jesus to bring us back to Him**
- **God loves us**



Who Wrote the Bible



God Used Many People

- God chose about 40 people who were faithful
- The Bible was written over many years
- God helped them to write
- **God is the real Author**



Conclusion and Prayer



We Read the Bible Because

- It is God's word
 - It tells us about Jesus and how much God loves us
- The Bible guides our life
- The Bible has brought about much changes in the world

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Some Optional Videos to View

If there is time, here are some suggested videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtF9I3Raf9I> Why Read the Bible

The Bible is our Instruction Manual for Life

PursueGOD Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qaBTaLKunXA> What is the Bible?

Resource

Kids on the Move

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g0SSSEtcMCQ> What is the Bible? – For

Kids

Got Questions Ministries

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ak06MSETeo4> What is the Bible

The Bible Project

--- very comprehensive explaining different Bibles and the contents. Good for 7 upwards. Suggest teachers to view and review suitability for their students

