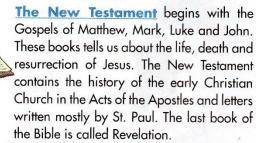
# Grow in the Word with the Bible

The Bible is a book full of stories about how much God loves his people-past, present and future. This holy book is a little like other books you read EXCEPT we believe all the people who wrote it were inspired by God. The Bible is a collection of many books filled with different kinds of writing—history, prophesy stories, letters, prayers, songs and more. We listen to

readings from the Bible every time we go to church, but we can learn a lot about God's love by reading the Bible at home with our families. Do you have a Bible of your own? Ask someone to give you one for Christmas or your birthday!

#### The Bible Has Two Parts

The Old Testament (sometimes called The Hebrew Bible) begins with the book of Genesis and the story of creation ("In the beginning"). The Old Testament tells us about our ancestors in faith, the Israelites. It is full of history (books of Kings), prayers and songs (the Psalms) and prophecies (Isaiah and Jeremiah).



### How to Find a Bible Verse

#### Do you have a favorite Bible story? Do you know where and how to find it?

Bible citations (sigh-TAY-shuns) show you how to find a verse or a longer passage in the Bible. There are three steps to looking up a Bible verse:

#### 1. Find the book.

**Example: 2 Corinthians** 

Say: Second Cor-IN-thee-ins.

Hint: Look in the New Testament, after the Gospels and between the book of 1 Corinthians and Galatians.

### 2. Find the chapter.

Example: 2 Corinthians 5

Say: Second Corinthians, chapter five.

Hint: The chapter is the first number after the name of the book.

## Find the verse number(s)\*

Example: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Say: Second Corinthians, five, seventeen.

Hint: The verse is the second number, found after the chapter number.

They are separated by a colon (:).

\*If two verse numbers are separated with a hyphen (-), read all of the verses in between.

\*If the verse numbers are separated with a comma (,), read only the verses whose numbers are given.

Try looking up some passages from the Bible on your own!







# The Books of the Bible



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